



Anger as injunction does not cover two popular sites

TRAVELLER BAN: PARKS LEFT OUT

Report by Liam Keen

TWO popular parks have not been included in a traveller ban, prompting criticism from council opposition.

Bantock Park and Heath Town Park, in Wolverhampton, have been left off the list of 60 sites across the city included in a new ban.

The ban gives authorities the power to remove travellers without having to go through the courts. The city council was granted the injunction at Birmingham High Court on October 2.

Now, the Conservatives have criticised the Labour council's ban for not including the two sites that have had travellers in the past and claim the move 'does not extend far enough'.

East Park and Bantock Park both had traveller encampments on them in July and out of the two green spaces only East Park has been included in the ban. Heath Town Park also had travellers on the site earlier this year.

Tougher

Councillor Simon Bennett, Conservative councillor for the Merry Hill Ward, said: "I welcome the granting of the injunction which will provide reassurance to local communities. But this injunction clearly does not extend far enough."

"Places such as Bantock Park and Heath Town Park are not on the list, despite being subjected to illegal encampments in the past, and Labour councillor Steve Evans needs to explain why."

Margaret Simpkins, aged 82, lives on Finchfield Road, near to Bantock Park. She said: "We don't want them. We pay lots of council tax and we just don't want that sort of thing."

The council released a statement on its Facebook page, saying: "The list of 60 sites was drawn up primarily based on the locations that had experienced an unauthorised encampment in recent years and the locations considered most vulnerable."

"We were advised that without a transit site in place, a blanket ban on all open areas within Wolverhampton could be seen as disproportionate and could result in the application failing. We tried to add Heath Town Park and Bantock Park after the recent incursions but was advised this could delay the application."

BLAZE HITS SUSPECTED CANNABIS FACTORY



Much of the roof was destroyed while a neighbouring house also suffered serious damage

A FIRE at a suspected cannabis factory has left a Wolverhampton house gutted.

Much of the roof was destroyed in Sunday's blaze, while a neighbouring house also suffered serious damage. It is believed cannabis plants were being grown at the property in Bhylls Lane, Merry Hill.

Sixteen firefighters were needed to tackle the blaze, which is believed to have started accidentally in the early hours of the morning and ripped through much of the first floor.

No-one is thought to have been in the house at the time of the blaze but nearby houses

were evacuated, West Midlands Fire Service said. Smashed roof tiles were left across the driveways of both properties. The residential road was closed both ways until 7am while emergency services dealt with the fire.

Forensic police officers have been examining the scene, where cannabis is believed to have been growing.

A spokesman for the fire service said: "The fire involved one semi-detached two-storey property and it spread to a neighbouring property through the roof. It is believed to have started accidentally."

"The roof was 100 per cent affected, 50 per cent to the first floor and there was also smoke damage to the property."

A West Midlands Police spokesman confirmed the force was investigating after being called at around 2.50am. Detectives have asked anybody with information to call 101 quoting log number 191 of October 8. Nobody has been arrested.

West Midlands Ambulance Service spokesman Murray McGregor added: "We treated one person, believed to be a man, for a minor hand injury but he was not taken to hospital."

NIGHTSPOT

Yates £600k refurb and a new name

A POPULAR city centre bar and nightclub is to close before undergoing a £600,000 revamp to re-open under a different name.

Yates, which has been a fixture of the Wolverhampton city centre nightlife for years, is to have a complete overhaul and become a Slug and Lettuce, which has several bars across the country.

Both chains are run by the pub company Stonegate, which has decided to call time on the Yates brand in Wolverhampton.

The firm is ploughing major investment into the bar and nightclub on Lichfield Street, which is one of the busiest places in the city centre at weekends and also a favourite with Wolves fans on matchdays.

HOMES

Estate go-ahead for ex factory site

A FORMER factory site is to be transformed into 53 new homes after plans were rubber-stamped.

Developers will build a mix of two, three and four-bedroom houses on the site of Ettinghshall's former Polypipe Factory. Thirteen homes will be affordable, with 106 parking spaces at the Chestom Road development. The Persimmon Homes plan was granted by Wolverhampton Council.

FIREBUGS

Bus damaged as arsonists strike

AN arson attack on a bus in Bilston is being investigated by police. The bus was set alight, in Oxford Street, on Monday evening.

The blaze, which started on the rear seat on the upper deck of the double-decker at 11pm was 'started deliberately' say West Midlands Fire Service. Two fire engines were sent, from Bilston and Willenhall.

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Delight after Beatties future secured



Beatties to stay

SUPER-CHUFFED, fantastic and delighted – just some of the words used to describe the news that Beatties will stay open.

Famous faces, MPs and business chiefs joined people all over the Black Country and further afield to celebrate the welcome announcement.

Soul queen Beverley Knight was among the first to react after months of uncertainty over the future of the landmark store in Wolverhampton was brought to an end.

The Wolverhampton-born singer, who starred at the store's Christmas Gala in

2006, said: "I am beyond chuffed! Super-chuffed! Over the moon!

"All those staff who now have secure futures, and all Wolverhampton and Black Country folk who fought so hard to keep our icon open can rejoice."

The 41-year-old was among more than 6,500 people who backed the campaign by our sister daily the Express & Star, calling on Mr Ashley to keep the 141-year-old store open. Its future was plunged into doubt following the collapse of owner House of Fraser, then the subsequent takeover by Mr Ashley. But following months of talks be-

tween Mr Ashley's team and the building landlords, the store's future was secured.

It will now be one of the dozens of House of Fraser stores which will be turned into the 'Harrods of the High Street' under his plan.

The lower ground floor of the shop is being stocked with goods from Sports Direct, Mr Ashley's sports company.

City council leader Roger Lawrence said: "We are delighted the new owners of Beatties have decided to keep the store open – it is fantastic news for our city centre.

Now fresh investment for Ashley's retail empire

MIKE Ashley's retail empire is set for a fresh investment in the Black Country – opening one of its luxury brand stores at the Merry Hill shopping centre.

Just days after Mr Ashley's House of Fraser company confirmed it would be keeping Wolverhampton's Beatties department store open, it can be revealed that the Sport Direct tycoon's top drawer Flannels chain is set to open its first store at the Black Country's biggest out-of-town shopping destination.

Reasons

It will open an 11,000 sq ft unit at into Merry Hill in December. Dan Murphy, regional centre director at into Merry Hill, said: "We're thrilled to announce that premium fashion retailer Flannels will be joining into Merry Hill later this year.

"With an increasing number of leading brands investing in new space and flourishing at the centre, customers will have even more reasons to shop with us at Christmas."

Flannels, which sells brands including Gucci, Dolce & Gabbana, Moncler, Jimmy Choo, Stone Island and Kenzo, already has stores at Birmingham's Burlington Arcade and in Solihull, among around two dozen branches nationwide, with another 11 due to open.

Council debt to hit £1bn but leader 'not worried'

WOLVERHAMPTON Council will be more than £1 billion in the red within two years.

But despite the huge figure council leader Roger Lawrence is adamant the people of Wolverhampton have nothing to worry about.

The Labour leader said the city's assets still far outweigh debts and there are no plans to sell off venues like the prized Civic Halls. But rival Tories say residents will be demanding to know where all the money has gone as services like bin collections are cut to fortnightly rounds rather than weekly ones.

Councillor Lawrence said it was important to invest money in projects like the i9 and i10 developments to save money in the long run and pointed to the fact that the authority was still £200 million under the borrowing limit.

Cutbacks

It comes as the council has made cutbacks to services like the bin rounds in recent times.

He has hit back at critics who say the level of borrowing is irresponsible, and said the ruling Labour group was investing in the city to ensure it could prosper.

The major investments the council, including housing and city centre developments, was making would end up generating more money than is being borrowed, he said and stressed he was comfortable with Labour's model for running the council, despite debt soaring into 10 figures.

Councillor Lawrence has come in for severe criticism from the opposition Conservative group but brushed off their concerns after the debt figures emerged in a new finance report.

He said: "I'm a little bit surprised that they've suddenly found that councils borrow money to pay for investment. That's the way councils operate.

"That's the way we pay for schools, we pay for leisure facilities, we pay for economic development investment."

Have your say on new vision for city



New public squares and green spaces are just some of the features proposed for the authority's Westside Link

MORE plans to transform Wolverhampton city centre have been unveiled.

This artist's impressions is just one of the latest steps in the city council's vision to create jobs and generate a financial boost. New public squares and extra green spaces are just some of the features

proposed for the authority's Westside Link. Councillor John Reynolds said: "We are rethinking and reimagining our city centre.

"These plans will transform it and make it a much more enjoyable place. I urge as many people as possible to view the proposals and provide their feedback to help us

shape the details of the scheme."

A consultation on the proposals has been launched, with residents across the city encouraged to share their views by November 2.

Plans can be viewed at the Civic Centre from 9am-4.30pm until October 26, and at the Mander Centre from 10am-3pm on Saturday.

Woodbine eyed for apartments

A FORMER pub plagued by anti-social behaviour since closing could be turned into a block of apartments.

The Woodbine pub on Wood Lane in Bushbury was closed in 2013. Since then, plans have been put to the city council to transform it into a hand car wash or housing, but both fell through.

The unsecured site has also faced issues of fly-tipping and anti-social behaviour. Residents pleaded for it to be developed, and now an application has gone in to turn the site into an apartment block.

Under plans submitted to Wolverhampton Council, the pub will be converted to form 10 two-bedroom flats and two one-bedroom flats. An apartment block will also be built next to it containing 18 two-bed apartments.

Family history focus

A SIX-WEEK course on family history research is starting in Wolverhampton. Who were your Ancestors? will offer help in tracking down family members.

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Profits fall but chiefs at Racecourse 'satisfied'

PROFITS and turnover fell last year at Wolverhampton Racecourse, new figures show, but bosses said they were 'satisfied' with the results.

Pre-tax profits for the floodlit all-weather course, which also boasts a 54-bedroom Holiday Inns franchised hotel and conference and exhibition centres, was down by more than £1 million, dropping from £1.72m in 2016 to £687,000 last year.

Turnover was down from £12.8m in 2016 to £12m for the course at Gorsebrook Road, Dunstall Park, which staged 80 fixtures in the year. Income from media rights – through TV broadcasts of racing – reduced due to the timing of new agreements with some of the major bookmakers.

Busy

The directors, who include Stephane Nahum, David Roberts and Kevin Richardson, said in their strategic report they were 'satisfied' with the results for the year from one of the busiest racecourses in the UK.

They said they were looking forward to the future with confidence. Wolverhampton Racecourse, which has staged horse racing since 1888, is now owned by Arena Racing Corporation, the largest racecourse operator in the UK.

It owns and operates 16 racecourses in Britain, accounting for 39 per cent of British racing fixtures.

Transit site could be sited elsewhere

A TEMPORARY travellers site rubber-stamped for Dudley could be relocated after a new party took control of the borough council.

The Bidden Road site in Coseley, was given the green light under the former Conservative leadership. But the new Dudley Labour administration has put the project on hold over 'concerns raised' about the planning process.

The new leader of the council, Pete Lowe, has asked for a review process of the temporary travellers site.

Councillor Kieran Casey, the cabinet member for regeneration, has said the site could be relocated. He said: "These plans have been put on hold. The council wants to be make sure we have looked at all available sites."

Back in time night

A STEP Back in Time fundraising event in aid of the Alzheimer's Society is being held on October 26 at Woodfield Sports and Social Club, Woodfield Avenue. There will be sixties and Motown songs.

Grand bid to put stamp on post office



Old post office is next door to theatre

BOSSSES at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre are set to take over the city's former post office – based just next door.

They want to expand the theatre to help transform Lichfield Street into the 'arts hub of the city centre'.

CEO and artistic director at the Grand, Adrian Jackson, said: "There is a vision to make Lichfield Street the arts hub of Wolverhampton city centre. And although the theatre already contributes massively to the local economy, there is so much more we can achieve."

Experts at Keith Williams Architects have drawn up the plans to build a 'pop-up' theatre next door to the Grand on the site of the former Post Office building.

Mr Jackson said the new theatre would be permanent.

The post office shut down in 2013 – with its services moved just over the road. The building has been sitting empty ever since, with various plans submitted to try to transform it.

An idea was put forward in 2015 to turn it into a 1,000-seat concert hall, but developers were not able to secure

the funding needed to see it go ahead.

Wolverhampton councillors will scrutinise the blueprints for the pop-up theatre shortly as the Grand gets prepared to submit a planning application.

Councillor John Reynolds, Wolverhampton council's Cabinet member for city economy, said: "This is a bold move by Wolverhampton Grand Theatre to bring a major uplift to the city centre's entertainment offer."

An exhibition with proposed designs will be at the theatre for people to view until October 26.

Bin collections are to go fortnightly in 2 weeks

FORTNIGHTLY bin collections will be rolled out across Wolverhampton in just two weeks, council chiefs have revealed.

The major overhaul of Wolverhampton's waste collection service has been branded 'woeful' after some residents were informed of the new collection date.

But the authority says the switch – set to save Wolverhampton Council £2.4 million a year – is expected to be 'smooth'.

It comes after more than 80 per cent of readers revealed they were against the new fortnightly pick-ups.

The first set of information packs informing residents about the changes were due to arrive on doorsteps of some homes this week.

The switch from weekly collections will be rolled out in phases from October 22, initially affecting Fallings Park, Heath Town, Wednesfield North and parts of Wednesfield South, Bushbury South and Low Hill. All houses – excluding flats – will have fortnightly collections by Christmas.

Space

Service director of city environment Ross Cook said: "We don't think there will be any problems. There is enough space in the bins to store waste for a fortnightly collection."

All residents should receive information packs by November 26, with households given a choice to continue using their smaller 140 litre brown bin or use the larger 240 litre green bin.

Garden waste collections will also stop and an optional £35-a-year service will start next February.

Councillor Steve Evans, cabinet member for city environment, said: "We want to make sure the transition from weekly to fortnightly collections is as smooth as possible, and residents know what they need to do and when the new service begins for them."

"We understand that change can be daunting for people, and want to reassure residents that we've taken every possible step to make sure it's as easy as it can be. It's no secret that the council must make savings."

Just the ticket! Axed bus route back



Celebrations after MP Pat McFadden and ward councillor Linda Leach stepped in to help

CHANGES to 'inconvenient' bus routes were reversed after politicians stepped in to help residents.

Wolverhampton South East MP Pat McFadden and ward councillor Linda Leach stepped in to help Bilston residents after National Express made changes to the route. The transport group had

changed the route of the 39 bus to Stowlawn meaning it no longer stopped at the bus station.

Mr McFadden said: "Councillor Linda Leach and I met with Transport for West Midlands and National Express on behalf of our constituents and raised this issue. "We had a lot of approaches

from people saying that the inability to board the 39 bus at Bilston bus station was causing great inconvenience to them."

"We urged them to restore a service to and from Stowlawn from Bilston Bus station, using the bus station as the drop off and pick up, that is now happening."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Olivia is Labour election choice

LABOUR members have selected a new candidate for a city ward in the 2019 local elections.

Olivia Birch will stand in Wolverhampton Council's Bilston North seat. She will replace Councillor Welcome Koussoukama, who has been de-selected.

Ms Birch is a local coffee wholesaler who has previously served as director for the Mid-Counties Co-operative, and as a board member at both HMP Brinsford Prison and Tettenhall Wood Special School.

She is a wife, mother and grandmother and has been campaigning for the Labour Party for many years.

New laws on 999 attacks backed

STRICT new laws that will double sentences for offenders who attack emergency workers have been welcomed by senior police officials.

West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner David Jamieson has backed the Protect the Protectors Bill, which saw Royal assent last month.

It comes after shock figures revealed that 35 West Midlands police officers had been bitten by offenders in the first nine months of this year, while in a recent two-week period eight officers were subjected to violent assaults.

Vandalised Kinky Boots replaced

A PAIR of bright red Kinky Boots that were vandalised at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre have now been replaced.

The theatre, hosting the musical Kinky Boots later this month, had some of the show's trademark boots – made from cardboard – on display in the foyer. But they were broken and had to be taken away at the end of last month.

Staff have announced they had been replaced and can now be used for fan photos once again. Kinky Boots opens at the Grand on October 16.

Pathology hub is set up at hospital

A HUB housing pathology services for residents has been launched.

The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust (RWT) has teamed up with fellow trusts across the region for the new Black Country Pathology Service.

Services including fertility tests, blood and urine analysis and infection tests and cancer detection are set to take place at its base in Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital.

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House prices rise by 4pc in region

HOUSE prices in the West Midlands have grown by more than four per cent to an average of £190,607 over the last quarter, new figures state.

Across the UK, property prices edged up by 0.3 per cent month on month in September to reach £214,922 on average. Yorkshire and Humber were identified as the top-performing region for the first time in more than a decade, Nationwide Building Society reported.

The North East of England saw a 1.7 per cent increase in house prices. Some parts of southern England, including London, also saw house prices fall annually in the third quarter.

Area in top five on loans for home

THE West Midlands was the region with the fifth most completed Help to Buy equity loan property purchases in England, a study by housing experts Fasthomes shows.

It looked at which areas of the county have had the most and fewest completed purchases from data held by The Ministry of Housing.

Nationally 169,102 completed Help to Buy equity loan purchases had been made since the Government scheme launched in 2013. The value of those properties is put at £42.2 billion.

The West Midlands had 18,606 with the county accounting for 7,074 and Staffordshire 3,737.

Businesses lose out to fraudsters

SIX in 10 small and medium-sized business lost money through fraud between July 2017 and June this year, figures show.

At a fraud and cyber security event held in Birmingham, Lloyds Banking Group specialists said 58 per cent of small and medium-sized businesses had been targeted by fraudsters using the information and personal data of suppliers, bosses or business contacts.

They were caught out to the tune of £27,000 on average each time.

400 flights cancelled – but passengers rise

BUDGET airline Ryanair has said it cancelled 400 flights in September as a result of two days of pilot and cabin crew strikes across five countries, on top of air traffic control staff shortages.

However, it still saw a six per cent rise in passenger numbers to 12.6 million last month, while its load factor, measuring how well it filled its planes, remained at 97 per cent.

Shock as popular pub suddenly closes



Newhampton Inn

A PUB which has been at the heart of a community for years has closed its doors suddenly.

The Newhampton Inn on Riches Street in Wolverhampton, famous in the city for being a traditional pub, is now shut.

The reason for the pub's closure is not yet known but it is believed to have shut its doors some time the week before last. The closure of the pub, often visited by

football fans before and after matches at Molineux, has been described as a 'blow' for the city by drinkers and councillors.

Wolves fan Richard Perkins said: "I used to go in there quite a bit. I'm quite surprised it's closed."

It's a blow for the city because it's one less option and it was a very good pub. "When a good pub closes or goes out of business that sends alarm bells ringing for the rest of them."

Councillor Dr Michael Hardacre, who represents the Park ward in Wolverhampton, said: "The Newhampton Inn has been a traditional watering hole and it's to be hoped that whatever troubles have befallen it can be resolved."

Councillor Wendy Thompson, leader of Wolverhampton Conservatives, said: "It's really surprising. I found it a popular pub and it had a good reputation with the community."

Former solicitor jailed over £150,000 fraud

By John Scott

A SHAMED former solicitor who took almost £150,000 from a pensioner's will, paying some into the accounts of his ex-wife's company in Tetterhall has been jailed.

Andrew Eastham had £279,462 paid into his bank account following the death of Eric Woolfedden.

He was the sole executor of the will and was supposed to send the sum to Mr Woolfedden's niece. Eastham only sent her £7,500 and transferred around half the money to his former wife Anne Marie Darby through a company called Portman Legal Ltd, initially based in Burland Avenue, Tetterhall.

The 46-year-old was facing bankruptcy when her ex-husband received the proceeds from Mr Woolfedden's will, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

Mr Woolfedden, of Blackpool, who died in 2014, signed his will in 1990 when Eastham was a solicitor. He was removed from the roll of solicitors in 2007 over handling of clients' money.

After the initial £95,000 was paid into the Portman Legal Ltd account, another £20,000 followed three days later with the same amount in cash being withdrawn three days after that.

Between October 2014 and August 2015, 15 payments totalling £34,062 were made by Eastham to Portman Legal, said Mr Harpreet Sandhu, prosecuting. Mr Joseph Hart, defending, claimed Eastham wanted to continue the relationship with his ex-wife.

Eastham, 63, from Underbank Road, Thornton-Cleveleys, Lancashire, admitted fraud by abuse of position and was jailed for two years, eight months. Ms Darby, thought to have lived in Lower Penn, was initially a co-accused. She never entered a plea and her psychiatric condition meant she was unfit to stand trial. The allegation was left to lie on the file on August 31.

Walkies – it's the little and large show



Different sizes maybe but they obviously are very close to each other

LITTLE and large! – how a pint-sized pup and an Alaskan 'Bear' became best friends.

Sophia the five-year-old tiny Chihuahua and Bear the 19-month-old Alaskan malamute puppy may differ in size and age, but living under one animal-lover's roof they've become the best of friends.

Their owner, Debbie Brookes-Hemans, aged 48, from Coven in Staffordshire, runs cat rescue centre Kats Cradle and owns five cats of her own but it's the two dogs of the house that steal the show. She said: "I've run Kats Cradle since 2006 and I've always loved and been passionate about animal welfare, I've always been a massive

dog and cat lover. We rescued Sophia after her previous owner passed away and we've had Bear since he was 10 weeks old. Sophia isn't your typical Chihuahua, they're known for being quite snappy but she is friendly, kind and gentle, she loves people and other animals and my cats. Bear is still a puppy and is a typical puppy, he loves attention and gets jealous when Sophia gets attention.

"But he's very gentle and laid back and has a very good temperament with people. They get on incredibly well, they were introduced straight away to get used to each other. "Bear has grown up with Sophia and they both get an awful lot of attention on walks."

Now new top role for the former chief at Carillion

THE last chief executive of Wolverhampton's failed construction and support services group Carillion has become the new non-executive chairman of Score Group.

Keith Cochrane, aged 53, who was interim chief executive when Carillion went into liquidation in January, is leading the boardroom team at the Peterhead-based engineering company.

Mr Cochrane and the other former directors of Carillion were criticised for their management of the business in a report by MPs in May.

The first-class honours graduate and chartered accountant previously led Scottish transport giant Stagecoach Group as chief executive from 2000 to 2002, and engineering company Weir Group for seven years.

Decisions

He left Weir in September 2016 and was senior non-executive director at Carillion when he succeeded Richard Howson as chief executive in July last year.

When Mr Cochrane was grilled by MPs, he admitted he should have acted sooner before the collapse of Carillion. He claimed all the decisions he took were in the best interests of the company. He was due to have been succeeded as chief executive by Wates Group chief executive Andrew Davies on January 22, but Carillion went into liquidation on January 15.

Mr Cochrane was to have remained with Carillion in an advisory capacity to ensure an orderly transition. The firm's liquidation left a £900 million debt pile and hundreds of millions of pounds in unfinished public contracts.

Police deliver new crime fight team

AN unlikely partnership has been struck between posties and bobbies on the beat.

Staffordshire Police has teamed up with the Post Office to help curb crime in the area, with plans in the pipeline for a force-wide rollout.

It comes after officers from South Staffs Neighbourhood Policing Team spent the past two months trialling the Adopt a Post Office scheme.

Sergeant Kelly Wareing, of South Staffordshire Neighbourhood Policing Team, said: "Working locally with the post offices has been a huge success over the past couple of months. It has enabled us to maximise our engagement with all members of the community in South Staffordshire."

"We have created a great partnership with our local post offices."

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FEWER than half of parents whose children will be starting secondary school next year have applied for a place for them.

The application deadline for places for students due to start Year 7 in 2019 is the end of this month.

Parents who have not yet sorted their places for their youngsters are being asked to submit their applications as a matter of urgency.

Councillor Lynne Moran, cabinet member for education and skills on Wolverhampton Council, said: "If your child is in their final year at primary or junior school, you should now be making your application for a secondary school place for them.

While making the transfer to secondary school may seem a long way off, the closing date for applications is October 31, so time really is of the essence.

"Nearly half of parents have already completed their applications but many have not yet started. In addition, a further 250 have begun their applications but have not yet submitted them.

"The process is quick and easy, and ensuring applications are made before the deadline will increase the chances of securing a place at a preferred school."

To apply for a school place, parents should log on to wolverhampton.gov.uk/admissions.

Jail warning to £163k criminal

A MAN has admitted having more than £163,000 worth of cash from the proceeds of crime.

Dayne Allcott, aged 29, from Mattox Road, Wednesfield pleaded guilty at Wolverhampton Crown Court to being in possession of the money on January 6, 2017. A cash counting machine and ledger were also said to have been found. This appears to be a small jigsaw in a much larger picture," said Mr Talbir Singh, defending.

The case was adjourned until November 2 when the defendant, who was granted bail, is expected to be sentenced.

Judge Simon Ward warned him: "Please do not think you will not go to prison. It seems to me you are involved in very serious crime."

Marking 30 years

A CONFERENCE marking three decades of voluntary and community sector work in the city is being held on November 8 at The Light House Media Centre hosted by the Wolverhampton Voluntary Sector Council.

Hugh opens hospital radio studio



Hugh Porter cuts the ribbon watched by his wife Anita and volunteers Mick Byrne, Jocelyn Lloyd, Richard Stanton and Tim Dews

A HOSPITAL radio station has marked a special birthday by moving into a new studio.

Radio Wulfrun at New Cross Hospital in Wednesfield has celebrated its 35th birthday with the opening of the studio.

Computer systems have been updated and new mixing desks and CD players have been installed.

The new studio was made possible after the station received a £7,500 grant from the National Lottery. Legendary cyclist and sports commentator Hugh Porter was on hand with

his wife Anita to cut the ribbon at the new studio.

The Wolverhampton-born sportsman is a patron of the hospital radio station alongside Anita, who herself is an Olympic gold medal-winning swimmer. The pair took over the role after the death of Baroness Rachael Heyhoe Flint in January 2017.

Alan Johnson, from the station, said: "It's been a bit of a tortuous year, trying to raise funds for the new studio as well as maintaining the old one, it's been an uphill struggle but we got there in the end.

"It's great to have Hugh and Anita giving up their free time to help us. We were desperate to get the new studio up and running and we're always looking to improve.

"Our set up now is quite professional, it's no Radio One but it could challenge some local radio stations. We're run entirely by volunteers and we're always looking for new volunteers to join us and we welcome the help."

Hugh said: "We're very flattered to have the honorary position of patrons."

Bully and Bev raise a fortune at glitzy bash

WOLVES legend Steve Bull and soul queen Beverley Knight joined forces to raise tens of thousands at a spectacular charity bash.

The glitzy fundraiser, supporting The Steve Bull Foundation and Cure Leukaemia, saw about 400 guests don their glad rags before pouring into Birmingham's ICC on Saturday evening.

It came four months after former Wolves goalkeeper Carl Ikeme announced he was in remission following his battle with acute leukaemia.

Wolverhampton-born star Bev said: "Steve is a long-standing friend, I'm proud to say. I did this event for him quite a few years ago. When he asked if I would come back and do it again, I said 'absolutely'.

"In light of what our Wolves team has gone through with our Carl, it just feels as if this has come at exactly the right time."

Painting

Beverley stunned guests with her powerhouse vocals, treating fundraisers to a 30-minute set of tunes alongside band Project 21.

The 'One Knight Only' event, hosted by radio presenter Ed James, also featured an auction and raffle - which saw a signed painting of Bev raise £1,000 on the night.

The 45-year-old said she was glad to support a worthy cause after latest figures suggested one in two people will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime.

Cash raised will be split between the two Midlands-based charities, with Promise Dreams and Solihull Hospital Charity benefiting from money donated to The Steve Bull Foundation.

It supports good causes across the West Midlands, while Cure Leukaemia helps blood cancer patients access life-saving drug and transplant treatments.

Bully, vice-president of Wolves and trustee of the foundation, said: "It's hard work, but the rewards are fantastic. Seeing the faces of the children and families who benefit from this money - that's the benefit of what we do.

"This is our main event, which we have every



Jacky Carr, Jackie Kelly from Cure Leukaemia, Kirsty and Steve Bull, Beverley Knight and Ed James

year. It's not just about the Black Country, it's about the Midlands. We all need to come together. People should jump on board because they can make a difference."

Cure Leukaemia said it was indebted to Wolves fans who have backed the charity over the past year, raising £143,000 after Carl was diagnosed with the condition.

Some of the cash raised was part of the £3.4

million investment in redeveloping Birmingham's Centre for Clinical Haematology at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham.

James McLaughlin, chief executive officer of Cure Leukaemia, said: "It was a privilege to be part of this event.

We are going to make a difference to people's lives," he added.

Seven parked cars damaged

A MOTORIST smashed into seven parked cars after losing control of his car on a busy city road.

Wolverhampton Road East in the Parkfields area of the city was closed for almost six hours while emergency services attended the scene on Saturday morning.

It is at least the third serious crash to happen on the same stretch of 30mph road this year and the second to have involved several parked cars.

The series of collisions on the A459 took place shortly after 5am - with a total of seven stationary vehicles struck by the Audi TT. The driver was taken to hospital with leg injuries.

Dates for next festival chapter

DATES for a literature festival have been announced. The third annual Wolverhampton Literature Festival will run from February 1-3.

Performers have yet to be revealed but the event has previously featured writers including Sathnam Sanghera and Will Self.

Councillor John Reynolds, cabinet member for city economy at Wolverhampton council, said: "The festival is going from strength to strength, and the ethos has always been to showcase what an amazingly creative place the city of Wolverhampton is.

MP backs value of small businesses

SECURITY, tax rates and finance were some of the hot topics during a special business meeting.

Wolverhampton South East MP Pat McFadden recently met Karen Woolley of the Federation of Small Businesses.

They discussed issues affecting the thousands of small businesses across the region. Mr McFadden said: "Small businesses are the backbone of our economy. Ask any big business and they are likely to depend on a chain of small innovative companies for goods and services."

Empty home council tax rise is approved

PLANS have been approved for an increase in council tax for empty homes in Wolverhampton.

Councillors agreed on the tax increase after being unhappy at the amount of empty homes in the city. There are 1,370 empty homes and 101 have been empty for five years.

Council bosses hope the increased charges will make landlords bring the properties back into use. The charges will come into effect next April.

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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



Real life? Send them to join the destitute

AS clichés go, it ticks most of the boxes. Millionaire's son from Fulham goes to live in council house with single mother on benefits.

The television series Rich Kids Go Skint is back, and this time obscenely rich Patrick Cathcart spends three days living with unemployed Katrina in Salford. He is quick to reveal he has never heard of Salford, and describes his surroundings in the way you might expect a war correspondent to portray the sights on the battlefield.

It's a great hoot: Patrick has a 10 grand Rolex, Katrina has a £3 watch. Katrina spends £30 a week on food, to which Patrick observes 'that's a carpaccio starter'. We all know the message, and it's hardly subtle: a nation divided between the haves and have-nots; the ridiculously privileged and those leading a hand-to-mouth existence.

But look at this from another angle. Patrick's watch may be more expensive than Katrina's, but they both tell the time. Patrick might blow a fortune in fancy restaurants while Katrina lives off chicken Kiev's, but they both have food.

If they really wanted to highlight the gap between the rich and the poor, maybe the producers should have been a bit braver. Such as sending Katrina to spend three days with the destitute in one of the world's poorest countries. Or maybe living with those affected by the Indonesian earthquake. It probably wouldn't be as much fun as laughing at rich toffs like Patrick, and maybe it wouldn't give us that feelgood sense of indignation and entitlement. But a few days swatting off mosquitoes at the standpipe, or waiting for the aid truck to deliver food rations would perhaps make people realise that Britain really isn't so bad after all.

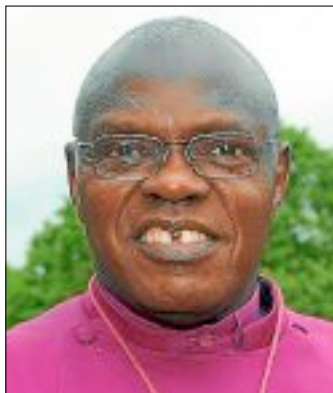
STUDENTS at Manchester University have been asked to refrain from clapping at students' union meetings, and rather to give a 'jazz hands' gesture instead.

Apparently, it stems from concern that some of the sensitive things feel anxious when they hear applause, and it causes them distress. Anxious at the sound of applause? These guys want to get themselves down Villa Park, they'd love it.

That said, I remember once feeling slightly anxious after a cup defeat when I was shoulder-charged out the way by a man who wanted to give jazz hands to then-manager Paul Lambert. At least I think it was jazz hands.

TRULY offal news in Devon, where a lorry driver shed his load of two tons of animal intestines.

Outrage over information stall for new students



Maybe the Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu can give a plausible explanation



Ben Elton masterpiece brings poignant TV moments that will be remembered



The immaculately coiffed Katya Adler doesn't look like your usual TV hack

Sex talk: We know where this can lead

THERE was outrage at the University of Brighton where something called The Sex Workers' Outreach Project set up a stall at an event for new students, offering information and condoms. A university spokesman insists: "We would like to make it clear that the university does not promote sex work as an option to students." If they did, it would presumably lead to a B.Ed.

IT is almost 30 years since writers Ben Elton and Richard Curtis turned the final moments of Blackadder Goes Forth (BBC1) from cynical comedy to pure pathos. Unexpectedly, the four main characters went over the top from their trench, to be wiped out by machine-gun fire. The screen turned into a field of Flanders poppies. That moment left millions of viewers astonished and deeply moved. Comedy is not supposed to behave like this. And then this week on Upstart Crow (BBC2) Ben Elton did it again. The clever silliness of William Shakespeare's private life suddenly turned to real history. Will (David Mitchell) arrives home in August 1596 to find his beloved only son, 11-year-old Hamnet, has died of the plague. The laughter stops. As long as people talk about television, those few poignant moments will be remembered. A total masterpiece.

COUNTRYFILE (BBC1) introduced us to an 11-year-old boy dying of a form of premature Alzheimer's disease. He is already losing memories and will soon go blind and be fed through a tube. On the day this nightmare was revealed, it was announced that the Archbishop of York, John Sentamu, will retire in June 2020. This gives his successor two years to dream up a plausible explanation of why a loving God allows little children to suffer like this.

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



AN Italian scientist, Professor Alessandro Strumia, has been suspended by the European Organisation for Nuclear Research, after he gave a presentation using a slide which said: "Physics was invented and built by men". These words have been denounced as "highly offensive". We are told that the scientific community is "in shock." Outrage is clearly the order of the day. And yet I have a suspicion that, if a female scientist had declared "Physics was invented and built by women," she would have been praised for her brave, forthright and revolutionary thinking and given a standing ovation. We live in strange times.

LAMBETH Council stands accused of racism towards some employees. In response, the council says it is starting "diversity awareness and unconscious bias training." I wonder what happens if you fall asleep during the unconscious bias lesson.

UNLESS you have experienced an earthquake (and I haven't) you can't begin to understand the terror it creates. Even if you escape unharmed you can be traumatised for life by so-called infrasound, the low-frequency sounds generated by a tremor which are perfectly pitched to cause feelings of awe, fear and panic in humans. In the case of the Indonesian tsunami and earthquake, Mother Nature unleashed another of her horrors - liquefaction. This is the combination of soil type and rapid vibration that

turns solid ground into liquid beneath your feet. Buildings, vehicles, roads and people simply sink into the earth. All your worst nightmares come true at the same moment and no TV or radio dispatch can capture what the local people have suffered. As the appeals for cash begin, give what you wish but give thanks you don't live in an earthquake zone.

SOON after the Boxing Day Tsunami of 2004 I was sent to a small island in the Maldives which for a few terrible moments had vanished under the ocean. Although the villagers could explain what they had seen, they could barely believe it themselves. A woman showed me the tide mark left by the tsunami in the room where she had been sitting. The water came in, rose almost to the ceiling and then sank away in a few seconds. When the tsunami had passed, three children of the village were drowned, some houses were wrecked and the village wells, used for hundreds of years, were ruined by salt water. There was nothing we hacks could do except tell the world what had happened. But I do recall a sense of pride at seeing people rehomed in sturdy white tents bearing the UN logo. Those tents seemed to say that, even on this tiny speck of land in the middle of nowhere, the world cared.

SHE really is in a class of her own. Katya Adler doesn't look like your usual TV hack. She has the bearing of a diplomat and appears on our screens immaculately coiffed and made-up, as though she's just sitting in front of the camera before heading off to an embassy party. I can never see Katya without imagining her graciously picking one chocolate from a vast tray of Ferrero Rocher. Ambassador, you're really spoiling us.

TALKING POINT



Questions – but I just don't get an answer

WE live in an era of reliable, instant communication. Or do we? Despite being able to exchange news, views and ideas in a matter of seconds, there are still pockets of resistance to the idea of actually responding to that beep or vibration which signals that someone is trying to get in touch.

A perfect example was an inquiry I made to a music venue recently regarding the time the act was on stage.

The timing was important as the plan was to watch the band either before or after a meal at a nearby restaurant.

So, thinking that three days would give the venue enough time to reply, I went to their website and in the box inviting inquiries and/or comments asked what time the entertainment began.

Then I waited, and waited and waited. Still no reply. On the morning of the concert, I went back to the website to get a phone number. Not wishing to be stung for the cost of a call or text to a mobile number, I opted for the landline.

It rang out for some considerable time before a recorded message cut in and said my call couldn't be connected and, no, I could not leave a message.

Surely a text to the mobile number would bring a response? No way.

There was only one thing for it. Turn up at the venue, in person, and take pot luck.

It turned out the band was starting two hours after the advertised time but the website had not been updated. Furthermore, no-one had been available to monitor any messages or answer the phone.

In this case, everything turned out OK but so often there is no urgency in actually making contact, with some organisations seemingly happy to ignore the issue.

Having endured a problem late at night on a multi-storey car park, I emailed the operator and explained in detail how distressing the episode was. A few days later, I got a reply saying my complaint was being investigated. That was in July. I still haven't heard anything.

Some organisations are prompt in replying, even if they merely send out an acknowledgment that it has been received, although the automated 'Do not reply to this email' messages are infuriating.

On the whole though, the policy seems to keep everyone in the dark and hope they give up trying, unless to ignore an email or call would cost money or lead to adverse publicity.

My message to these people is, the technology is there to make our lives easier, so don't be surprised if and when you suffer a backlash. We're trying to communicate. Why aren't you?

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Travellers banned from 60 green spaces in city

Raising abuse awareness



Popinder Kaur, next to Beverley Knight at her Haven visit

CHARITY workers are helping to mark National Domestic Violence Awareness Month with events throughout October. Staff and helpers from The Haven Wolverhampton will be taking part in fundraising, attending events and talking to community groups and business.

The charity, which supports women and children who are victims of domestic abuse, says that every week in Britain two women are killed by a current or ex-partner. They want to use the October campaign to raise awareness

A TOUGH new traveller ban that gives protection to 60 green spaces has been granted.

Wolverhampton Council won the injunction at Birmingham High Court last week.

It gives bosses new powers to evict encampments on protected sites across the city and is in place for the next three years.

The move will mean that less taxpayers' money will be spent on expensive court proceedings and clean-up operations.

Travellers that are on the land illegally could now be arrested and fined, have property seized, or be sent to prison.

Councillor Steve Evans, cabinet member for city environment, said: "I'm delighted the High Court has granted the injunction to protect our most vulnerable spaces against traveller encampments."

Disruption

"The ruling means all 60 sites listed are no-go areas for unauthorised encampments. "These encampments have caused a lot of disruption to our residents, especially over the past year.

"Now we have the injunction, the council will be able to speed up the frustrating delays we have experienced and remove anyone who pitches up on our protected sites more quickly."

East Park in Stow Heath is one of the 60 areas earmarked for protection after travellers were removed from the site in July.

The injunction is set for a review in 12 months, where the status of the potential travellers site will also be discussed.

Council bosses are also trying to secure a site for travellers to stay at legally when they visit the region.

For the list of 60 protected sites, visit www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/travel lerinjunction

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Sort out ruling over bus passes

MOST of your readers will be aware that a bus pass is available to people in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland at 60 years of age.

As a 63-year-old man I have to wait until I am 66 before I can get my bus pass; my state pension age. However, we Midlands are in England. Why then are the residents of London allowed a pass for free travel on all London buses, trains and underground at the age of 60? This discrepancy is profound

and amounts to ageist apartheid. Might I suggest that bus passes are made available to all United Kingdom residents at age 64.

After all, why should I, of modest income, pay to get on a bus, whilst a 60-year-old consultant surgeon, barrister or an MP living in London can travel throughout a large part of the South East of England without paying?

DAVID HAYES
Wolverhampton

Resist any bid to close rail corridor

MICHAEL Fabricant's call to turn the mothballed Walsall to Lichfield railway line into a footpath and cycleway is very short-sighted.

Yes, Network Rail would say it is not in a plan for imminent use, but most people with an eye to the future will know that it could be a rail route that ideally should be a key part of a Worcester to the Potteries line that avoids congested New Street but serves as a south-to-north commuter corridor linking Stourbridge with Walsall via the gridlocked Black Country.

With the tram extension to Merry Hill and Andy Street's aim to return freight lines to passenger use it would be madness not to preserve this line.

With the plan to reopen stations along Birmingham's Camp Hill line, the other end of the combination too needs better connections. Wolverhampton especially, which has so far only secured a short tram extension to the rail station.

Mr Street should resist any attempt to close rail corridors.

MIKE CRUMP
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It should be our decision

WHILE still a firm remoaner, I accept the misguided result of the referendum.

However, it does seem that our negotiators are having problems with what the voters want.

This could easily be solved by a second referendum with a simple choice and a message to the Government:

- a) Solid immigration control
- b) Solid economic development

The result would ensure that the negotiations would concentrate on what the voters want, rather than the voters being told what issues were important to (for) them.

Surely the future of the country is too important to be left to the politicians to decide.

DAVID STEELE
Wolverhampton

Mylee family carry burden

DURING the course of the trial of William Billingham, an expert witness told the jury the accused was suffering from a moderate episode of depression, a condition I suggest we all have experienced sometime.

He continued that it would not have affected his ability to understand what he was doing, but at the time of the killing he would have been suffering from an abnormality of mental functioning and it is likely his depression would have clouded his thoughts and judgements.

These expert statements seem contradictory to me. Billingham of course denied the murder. Here we have an innocent little girl Mylee robbed of her life and taken from her family in tragic circumstances. They will carry this burden forever.

RON PLANT
Bilston

Saddened by the start of HS2 – Now plastic and public should have a say

IT is an unfortunate part of life that we have to witness many travesties and I witnessed yet one more when the foundation stone was laid for the commencement of the HS2 railway line.

The original cost of this project was £50bn, but new figures suggest the final cost will be closer to £100bn, all to save 20 minutes travel time between London and Birmingham.

However, this letter is not just about HS2 but the appalling amount of money given to foreign countries for projects that never appear, and the money spent on so-called improvements, which at the end of the day are of little help to the taxpayer.

It is time the public were given the rights

to question these decisions and also be given a voice in parliament to make it clear that enough is enough.

The NHS is costing billions every year but the people at the helm are never bought to book in the public interest to account for the inefficiencies, which staff have to contend with every day.

Yet while this country has the best of medical facilities, the actual real care for people suffering with dementia or Alzheimer's is unacceptable and really does highlight where these wasted billions should be going. It is heartbreaking for someone suffering and there is no cure or respite.

MR D BODLEY
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Top notch film up for award



Sathnam Sanghera and Himmut Singh who plays a young Sathnam

WRITER Sathnam Sanghera is up for an award for his novel-turned-film *The Boy With The Topknot*.

The award-winning Wolverhampton-born journalist saw his 2009 novel turned into a 90-minute television drama for the BBC and released in November last year.

And now the one-off drama based on Sathnam's memoirs has been shortlisted by charity Mind for its 2018 Media Awards. The film will go up against Channel Four's

Flowers, the BBC's *Killed by My Debt*, BBC Three's *Overshadowed* and BBC Radio's *The Effect in the Drama* category. Winners will be announced at the Mind Media Awards ceremony on November 29.

The BBC adaptation of the best-selling memoir, centred around a British Sikh family's struggle with mental illness. Author Sathnam was raised in Park Village, Wolverhampton, and many scenes were shot in the city.

MORE than one in six people waited four hours or more to be seen at New Cross Hospital's A&E department over the past year.

This means the managing trust, The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust, is not meeting Government waiting times targets.

The figures from the NHS England showed that out of 133,328 patients seen at hospital over 2017/18, 21,699 waited more than four hours.

The proportion of people seen within four hours was 84 per cent. It falls short of the 95 per cent target, introduced in 2010. Dr Chris Moulton, vice president of the Royal College of Emergency Medicine, said the figures showed the pressure on A&E departments had 'spiralled out of control'.

Snapped

"If you keep stretching an elastic band, eventually it will snap," he said. "You don't ask 'why did the elastic band snap' – it snapped because you stretched it."

Other NHS trusts in the West Midlands also performed badly against the target.

University Hospital North Midlands Trust, which runs Stafford Hospital, fell 27 per cent below the target, with 53,923 people waiting for four hours or more.

Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust missed it by 25 per cent, Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust fell 21 and Dudley Group NHS Trust was 18 per cent under the benchmark.

A spokesman for Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust said waiting times performance had 'steadily increased' over the past five months. He said in August, 93 per cent of patients were seen within four hours at A&E. He added: "Some people may have a longer wait than others as we always prioritise our sickest patients."

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Carla Priddon, chief executive officer, said: "Our mentoring programme is going from strength to strength and making a real impact on young people in the city."

"We reached 30 per cent more young people than expected in year one and have ambitious plans to



Life-changing scheme has proved a great success

support more than 300 young people across the next four years. Mentees set goals and targets that are personal to them and they are supported to achieve and feel good about themselves."

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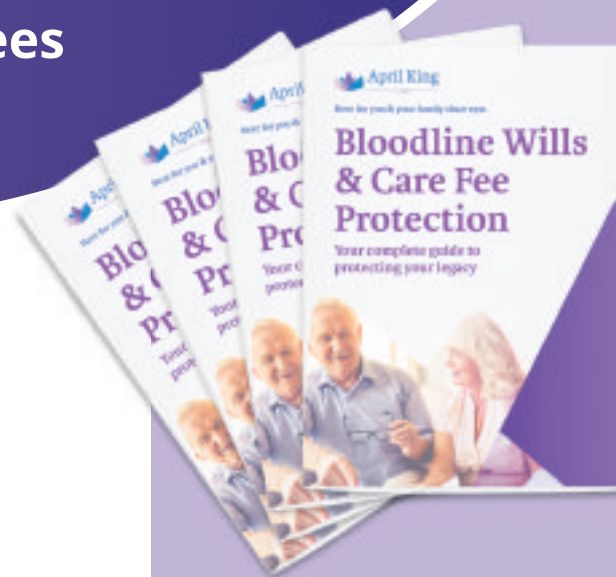




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Father fired gun after 'losing face' in a row

A FATHER OF TWO who fired a gun in the air after 'losing face' during a clash outside a city centre nightspot has been jailed for five and a half years.

Jemyle Williams was slapped and hit over the head with a bottle as a crowd of revellers outside the Bond Street Tavern in Wolverhampton became increasingly unruly.

The 28-year-old was caught on CCTV grabbing a man round the neck before going to the white VW Golf in which he had arrived less than 20 minutes earlier, the city's Crown Court heard.

He removed a loaded revolver from the glove box and returned to the group which quickly broke up as people saw the handgun and took cover, said Mr Russell Pyne, prosecuting.

Pointed

Williams was looking for a man he felt had made him look foolish in front of friends but did not aim at the individual. The weapon was pointed skywards when he pulled the trigger, the court was told.

An officer outside Wolverhampton's Bilston Street police station heard the gunfire shortly after 3.30am on July 29 last year. Moments later 999 calls from eyewitnesses reported a man on the loose with a gun in Bond Street. The area was sealed off and a search uncovered a spent cartridge in the road.

Police also found CCTV footage showing the run up to the incident and its aftermath but not the shooting itself.

Mr Gurdeep Garcha, defending, said: "This resulted from the loss of face of a young man surrounded by associates and peers. He was jostled and manhandled and took it badly."

Williams, who was banned from Wolverhampton and has been living at James Walk, Rugby as part of his bail conditions, admitted possession of a prohibited firearm.

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Keeper Ryan, from Exotic Zoo, poses with some of the plastic penguins they have had to put in the new enclosure

A ZOO has been forced to fill its new penguin exhibit with plastic replicas while it waits for the real thing to become available.

An outbreak of avian malaria means that the £60,000 exhibit building will remain empty of the real things for the time being.

Scott Adams, the zoo's owner, said he had no idea when the Humboldt penguins would be arriving.

He said: "Unfortunately over the last couple of years there was a really bad case of penguin malaria that swept through the UK and lots of zoos, if not most zoos, have lost a lot of penguins."

Mr Adams added that many larger zoos are looking to replenish their penguins, which has caused a national shortfall meaning smaller zoos like his will be unable to obtain the birds.

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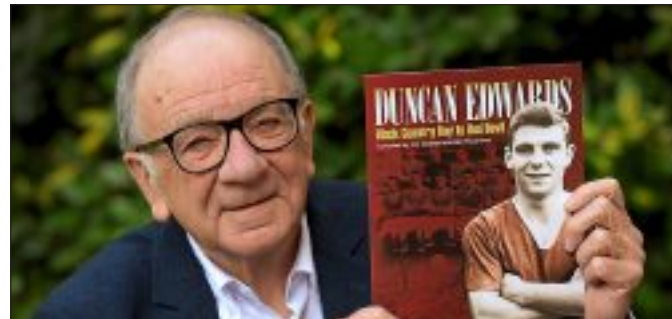




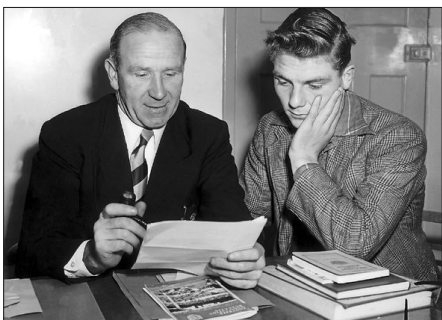
16-year-old Duncan leaves the pitch after his first senior game, against Cardiff City in 1953



Priry Junior School league champions 1947/48



Jim Cadman with a copy of the new book Black Country Boy to Red Devil



Duncan signing his United contract with Matt Busby



Duncan, back row far right, in the Nesscliffe Army team 1957

How Dudley's Duncan became a football legend

THE first time Sir Bobby Charlton saw Duncan Edwards play he knew he would never be as good as him.

"If you look at most football players they're good at certain things: in the air, with their left or right foot, they read the game well, or have pace. But Duncan had it all.

So says the World Cup winner in his foreword for a book honouring his former team mate and friend.

Dudley-born Duncan, who made 177 appearances for Manchester United, scoring 21 goals – as well as 18 caps for England – was tipped for greatness before his life was cut short following the Munich air disaster, aged just 21.

The book, *Black Country Boy to Red Devil*, was published last Monday, which would have been Edwards' 82nd birthday, and is part of commemorations marking the 60th anniversary of his death.

Written by Jim Cadman and Iain

MEMORY LANE

By Heather Large

McCartney, it follows his footballing career from the early days to his glory days. Duncan was born on October 1, 1936, at 23 Malvern Crescent, Holly Hall, and would later move to 31 Elm Road on Dudley's Priory Estate. Both his father and grandfather were keen amateur players. Described as 'a big lad, strong beyond his years', Duncan played in the Priory Road Junior School team crowned league champions in the 1947/48 season.

After moving to Wolverhampton Street Secondary School, Duncan progressed through the schoolboy ranks with Dudley Schools, Worcester County and Birmingham & District. In 1950, he was recommended for an England under-14s trial against Ireland. Then, at the age of 13, he walked out at Wembley on April 7, 1950, to win his first 'cap' for England Schoolboys against Wales Schoolboys.

He was catching the eye of scouts with Wolves, West Bromwich Albion, Birmingham City, Aston Villa and Bolton Wanderers all showing an interest in signing the youngster. But Duncan was set on Manchester United where manager Matt Busby was looking for promising young players to rebuild his team. They became known as the Busby Babes.

After a record-breaking England Schoolboys ninth cap, Duncan became a Manchester United player on June 2, 1952. After signing his professional contract, the 1953/54 season saw him fitting into the United first team with ease, continuing during his two years National Service when he helped his side win two consecutive First Division Championships. After playing for England Under-23s, he made his first team debut in 1955 in a 7-2 win over Scotland at Wembley. He accumulated 17 more England caps before his life was cut tragically short.

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Beer and pub giant on board for team's Atlantic challenge

WOLVERHAMPTON beer and pub giant Marston's is backing a team in the 'world's toughest row' across the Atlantic ocean.

Heads Together and Row is made up of friends Alison Wannell, Jeremy Reynolds, Justin Coleman and Toby Gould, and will see the four embark on a 3,000 mile charity trip for about three months.

Wainwright, part of Marston's, has sponsored the team. And as part of the sponsorship, the team brought their rowing boat to Marston's House in Wolverhampton for one morning before it was

By Megan Archer

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Kirsty Polmeer, brand manager for Wainwright said: "Wainwright is all about 'Finding your Mountain' so this was a great opportunity for the brand to show support and be a part of something that is both challenging and rewarding."

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Heads Together and Row expect

their race to take 40 to 60 days to complete, which will include spending Christmas and New Year at sea. They will row in pairs in two-hour shifts around the clock, in a 29' x 6' boat carrying all the required equipment, food and a water maker to turn sea water into drinking water.

Their race will also be a world record attempt to become the fastest mixed four to row the Atlantic east to west.

The team set off on December 12 and will also be raising money for charity Combat Stress and Mind.

Curious pupils will learn about theatre

A SPECIAL production of the National Theatre's award-winning play, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* will be seen by pupils across the city.

The play will be shown in eight secondary schools in partnership with Wolverhampton Grand Theatre. The schools tour forms part of the National Theatre's drive to introduce new audiences to theatre, as part of a three-year partnership.

Next month, the tour will visit Coppice Performing Arts School, which is hosting St Matthias School, Khalsa Academy; the University of Wolverhampton hosting Thomas Telford School and Thorns Collegiate Academy, Colton Hills Community School, and King's Church of England School.

The schools tour is a 90-minute version of the play performed in the round. It tells the story of a 15-year-old boy who describes himself as 'a mathematician with some behavioural difficulties'.



Alison Wannell, Justin Coleman and Toby Gould in challenge

Emma anger at 'foolish' housing jibe by Johnson

Report by Peter Madeley

EMMA REYNOLDS has branded Boris Johnson 'foolish' after he described the 'terrible' condition of council housing in Wolverhampton.

Mr Johnson said his experience of seeing the misery of council tenants in the city had convinced him that people should be allowed to buy their own home.

But Ms Reynolds, the Labour MP for Wolverhampton North East and former shadow housing minister, accused him of ignorance, and said any problems with council properties at the time were down to underfunding from the Tory government.

Starved

She said: "Boris Johnson knows nothing about people's lives or council houses. Maybe he should come and visit a council property in Wolverhampton where standards are much better than they are in the private rented sector."

"In fact when he was here the Tories were in government, which is why the council were starved of funding to ensure council homes were in good condition."

"He appears to be suggesting that what he saw was a good reason for Right to Buy, which has done little more than decimate the housing stock in the city. His comments are out of date and foolish."

Mr Johnson made his comments in his speech at the Tory conference, where he reflected on an experience while working as a reporter on our sister daily the Express & Star in the late 1980s.

He said the local authority did not seem bothered that tenants were living in dreadful conditions.

"I was a reporter on the Wolverhampton Express and Star, and I went out to see a couple who were complaining about damp. It was a terrible scene. They were sitting there and with the heating on full blast and a baby crying, and the condensation dripping down the window."

"The chap was in his socks in an armchair and in a state of total despair. He was worried about the baby's cough - which was getting worse. The council wouldn't do anything, and he felt he couldn't do anything - because it was not his property."

New shop ready to add spice to centre

A SHOP offering Indian street food with a 'casual, modern twist' is opening its doors at Wolverhampton's Mander Centre this week.

Run by husband and wife team Bilal and Meena Nouar, Wrapchic will be adding a little spice to the centre from tomorrow. It specialises in fresh Indian street food such as naan wraps, tortillas and rice bowls, filled with dishes such as chicken Rajasthani, chicken Mughlai, fish Malabari and paneer Bhurji, all cooked by expert Indian chefs with authentic spices and aromatics.

Bilal believes Wrapchic will bring Indian food to the town in a new way. He said: "Wolverhampton is investing heavily in regenerating the area, and we're happy to be a part of bringing high quality food to locals."

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Gallery in the frame for big art exhibition

WOLVERHAMPTON art gallery and university have been chosen to be part of the biggest touring exhibition of contemporary art in the UK.

The city is one of four cities involved alongside Manchester, Aberdeen and Plymouth. Hayward Gallery Touring announced the city would play host to the British Art Show 9 between February and May 2021.

Councillor John Reynolds, cabinet member for city economy, said: "This is a fantastic honour for the City of Wolverhampton. To be chosen as one of just four cities to host this prestigious exhibition shows how highly regarded Wolverhampton Art Gallery and University of Wolverhampton School of Art are in the world of art."

The art show is widely recognised as a significant marker of recent developments in contemporary art, unrivalled in its scope and national reach. British Art Show 8 attracted more than 300,000 visitors in its tour to four cities from October 2015 to January 2017.

Sam Hope, of the university's Faculty of Arts added: "We're delighted that our renowned School of Art has been chosen as one of the touring venues for this prestigious exhibition. British Art Show is widely recognised as a significant marker of recent developments in contemporary art."

Tories now questioning their own budget plans

STAFFORDSHIRE'S Conservative county councillors are questioning their group's own budget plans.

They are aimed at saving £35 million while increasing council tax and having libraries taken over by volunteers. Fourteen Tory councillors have taken the unprecedented step of calling in the draft budget set by their

own leadership – but insist it is not a rebellion.

Councillor Jonathan Price, who is leading the move, said he wanted assurances cuts to voluntary funding would be reversed as soon as more money became available. Staffordshire County Council has announced it will have to make drastic savings if it is to balance the books, and has blamed the Government for a sub-

stantial drop in funding. Council tax is expected to rise by nearly three per cent from April while voluntary groups have been invited to take over libraries, including those in Cheslyn Hay, Eccleshall and Penkridge.

Councillor Price acknowledged cuts were 'necessary' but said fellow Tories were uncomfortable with plans to slash £600,000 in funding from the voluntary and community sector.

Strong winds made pilot take action

STRONG winds caused a light aircraft to overrun the runway at Halfpenny Green Airport, near Wolverhampton.

The plane was coming in to land at the airport when it was 'compromised due to the presence of tailwind', said a report by The Air Accident Investigation Branch.

The 55-year-old pilot observed the airspeed was more than 58mph, but decided to still land the aircraft. The flight had come from Cornwall.

The report said: "After touchdown the aircraft rapidly deviated to the left and, despite his attempts to control the aircraft, it departed the runway, turning through approximately 180 degrees before coming to rest.

The pilot and his passenger were not hurt uninjured

Ton-up Dora still has lust for life



Celebrating – sprightly great-grandmother Dora Green

SHE rode pillion to Scotland on a 500cc motorbike in her 50s and went camping in her 90s – so it is small wonder that Dora Green is still going strong at 100.

The sprightly great-grandmother, who was born on September 18, 1918, held a celebration at Essington Fruit Farm for almost 40 family and friends.

Born in Bridgwater, Somerset, she moved to Worcester with her parents as a child and settled in Wolverhampton when she was 13. She was a pupil at Old Fallings school and when the Second World War broke out worked in the Food Office.

In 1942, she married George White of Wednesfield, and they brought up two children, Rosemarie and Michael, in Prole Street, Springfields. The couple ran a grocery shop in Larches Lane, Chapel Ash, until George became too ill to work and they moved to Lyndale Park, and later to a bungalow in Clanfield Avenue, both in Wednesfield.

Dora became a clerk at Eaton, Yale and Towne, later moving jobs to the council's Public Works Department.

After George died in 1974, Dora married Bernard Green of Darlaston and they had more than 20 happy years together before he died of cancer. Dora then embarked on a series of holidays abroad with her family including Rome, Austria, Rhine and Mediterranean cruises.

Dora, who has two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, now lives with Rosemarie in Tettenhall.

Demand brings in new beauty salon

THE Wulfrun Centre in Wolverhampton has welcomed a new beauty and hair salon after a local trader decided to expand, due to customer demand.

The Look Laser Clinic, which offers a range of beauty treatments, has opened in unit 8, a 578 sq ft shop next to the food court.

Owner Sukhi Sunsoa, who also runs The Look Eyebrow salon a few doors away, said clients had asked her to offer more beauty services and decided to take the plunge when she saw the unit become vacant.

She said: "The eyebrow kiosk has been open for more than six years and is doing very well, so when the opportunity came to take on the new unit, I knew I should do it. "My customers kept asking me to do more treatments and because Wulfrun is very central, it seemed the best option."

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TOWNS AND VILLAGES

Raising a charity cuppa to club legend Graham

AN 18-strong group of friends who united for a 140-mile charity trek have pulled in £13,500.

Brendon Turner and his friends gathered the cash for Compton Care after the gruelling challenge, cycling, hiking and canoeing in memory of his late father the Lord Bilston, Dennis Turner.

The Wolverhampton-based charity's nurse specialist Debbie Smith and marketing manager Grace Lee were transported on the back of a tandem, on a stretcher and in a canoe during the 25.5-hour fundraiser.

More than 100 patients supported by the hospice will now be visited in their homes by nursing staff thanks to the money.

It was the third time Mr Turner raised cash in honour of his father, who was cared for by the hospice after his cancer diagnosis in 2014. The former Labour MP for Wolverhampton South East died, aged 71, in February 2015.

Record fair on at the Robin

A RECORD, CD and memorabilia fair is to be held at a live music club in Bilston.

The event is at the Robin 2 in Mount Pleasant on Sunday, October 21, from 11am-3pm. Admission is £1 and food and refreshments will be on sale.



Mayor of Wolverhampton Phil Page, chair of Bilston Town Football Club Denise Frankham, vice-chair Eddie Fellows and MP Pat McFadden enjoy a cake in memory of Graham Hodson

A FORMER chairman of a Bilston football club has been remembered at a coffee morning event.

Pat McFadden, MP for Wolverhampton South East, organised a Macmillan Coffee Morning at Bilston Town Football Club in memory of Graham Hodson who died of cancer in 2017 aged 59.

The morning raised £265. Mr McFadden said: "Graham was a real hero. The work he put into running Bilston Town Football Club, together with Denise Frankham was truly amazing."

"He had real pride in the club and in the town and that was recognised in the recent Queen's Award for Voluntary Service given to the club shortly before his death."

The Mayor of Wolverhampton Phil Page, the chair of Bilston Town Football Club Denise Frankham and vice-chair Eddie Fellows attended the coffee morning.

Denise said: "It was great to have so many people come together to bake cakes and remember Graham as well as raise money for this fantastic cause."

Revolver Co-operative, a coffee producer based in



Graham Hodson

Wolverhampton, provided all the refreshments.

Paul Birch, CEO, said: "Graham was a fantastic man and we were privileged to have been able to assist."

Sweet! Choir raises notes at coffee day

HUNDREDS of pounds has been raised by choristers supporting cancers sufferers in the region.

Members of Wombourne-based choir Got 2 Sing whipped up a selection of sweet treats for the World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

They donned their aprons and sang tunes as they raised £256 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Choir leader and founder Beth Dunn said: "The coffee morning is such a fantastic initiative by Macmillan Cancer Support and a fun way to raise funds - it's something we look forward to every year! It turns what is a fun rehearsal anyway into a real fantastic social event."

The Wombourne choir is one of a family of 10 Got 2 Sing groups across the Midlands, who together raised more than £2,000 for the charity.

Players back for a laugh

WOMBOURNE Players return to the stage this month with a production of an Alan Ayckbourn comedy.

Bedroom Farce is being performed from October 17-20 at 7.30pm in Wombourne Community Centre, Church Road.

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Award for recruiting nurses from abroad

MEDICS from the region have been praised for their work to recruit nurses from across the globe. The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust scooped the top prize at London's Nursing Times Workforce Summit and Awards.

Employees walked away with the Best Recruitment Experience award after competing against nine other trusts.

Chief nurse at the trust Ann-Marie Cannaby said: "We are very pleased to win this award and to be recognised nationally for the work we have done with our international nurses."

"A huge congratulations to all the team involved for all their hard work and dedication." The team was prized for its innovative 'boot camp', set up to prepare international nurses for their Nursing and Midwifery Council test needed to gain UK nurse registration.

Katie Haywood and Leanne Walford, practice education facilitators at the trust, said they were over the moon after winning the top spot. They said: "It represents years of work, learning, developing and sharing our experiences to improve the experience for our overseas nurses."

Let us Pay – now take your pew for the contactless way

CASHLESS donations have arrived at churches across the Black Country as the collection plate is replaced by a contactless card machine.

The move is designed to avoid the time-honoured fumble for cash when the collection plate is passed round – and to reverse the first Church of England's drop-in cash donations

in almost half a century. Collections have been affected by the increase in people who no longer carry cash on them, say church chiefs.

The Lichfield Diocese recently launched trials of the digital devices, with churches either setting up terminals at the back of buildings or passing them around the pews. Eighteen parishes taking part in the trial have reported promising early results.

Reverend Jim Trood, rector at St Matthews Church in Walsall, one of the parishes taking part, said: "One of the older members at our church said he thought it was great, commenting it was so much easier than having to find the right money to put on the collection plate."

As well as weekly services, the terminals are also used for donations at weddings, baptisms and funerals.

Wellbeing drive on social media

A SOCIAL media campaign aimed at boosting a city's wellbeing has been launched.

The #WolvesWellbeing initiative will show residents the range of support available to improve their health and wellbeing.

Councillor Hazel Malcolm, the council's cabinet member for public health and wellbeing, said: "There are many ways in which the council and other organisations are helping people in Wolverhampton to improve their health and wellbeing."

"Our #WolvesWellbeing campaign is about highlighting these and more, and signposting people to the many opportunities which are available to them here in Wolverhampton."

Author Mark aims for double top



Mark Edwards has high hopes for his new book

IT'S Big Little Lies meets The Sixth Sense – that's how best-selling author Mark Edwards is describing his latest book. His loyal fans have been eagerly awaiting the publication of In Her Shadow which has now hit the shelves and e-readers.

The 47-year-old, who lives in Wolverhampton, is well-known for his stories about scary things that happen to ordinary people and he says his latest novel is a psychological thriller with a pinch of horror.

"It's about two sisters, Jessica and Isabel. When the book starts, Isabel has been dead for five years after falling from the balcony of her home. The police and coroner ruled it an accident and the case was closed almost immediately. Jessica was devastated but accepted the coroner's verdict.

"Now, Jessica's four-year-old daughter, Olivia, who never met her Auntie Isabel, has started to behave strangely. She says she can see and talk to Isabel."

His last novel The Retreat reached number one in the Amazon charts on the day it was released in May and he hopes this one will do the same.

Class of 2018 set to start teaching roles

NEWLY-QUALIFIED teachers sharing their skills in classrooms have been officially welcomed into their new roles.

The latest cohort of teachers, dubbed the 'Class of 2018', came together to celebrate their new places within Wolverhampton's primary, secondary and special schools.

Dozens of teachers joined a special event at Wednesday's GTG Training Centre, organised by Wolverhampton council's schools standards team. Director of education Meredith Teasdale said: "It is wonderful to see so many new teachers choosing to teach in our city, one that has so much to offer."

"We have great ambitions for the years ahead, as we look to continue working with our schools to drive forward further improvement."

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Darts will put parts of centre out of action

USERS of one of a city's two main leisure centres are being warned parts of it will be out of action at certain times next month due to it hosting the Grand Slam of Darts.

The tournament, one of the biggest in the sport, is moving to Aldersley Leisure Village in Wolverhampton this year as its usual venue the Civic Hall is undergoing a major revamp.

The staging of the tournament will mean disruption for members and regular visitors to the leisure centre. It is one of the city's three WV Active centres, along with Central Baths and the Bert Williams Leisure Centre in Bilston.

The Grand Slam of Darts attracts thousands of sports fans to Wolverhampton and will be held in the city between November 10-18. Buses will be put on to ferry fans to the venue off Aldersley Road.

The sports hall, used for football and badminton and where the main darts action will take place, will be closed completely between November 9-December 2, which is likely to lead to a surge in

By Richard Guttridge

demand to secure a place in Bilston.

The gym and exercise classes will remain open during the darts, but will not be available at certain times. Some fitness classes, mostly on evenings, will be moved to Claregate Youth Club.

The gym will be out of action on evenings in the weeks commencing November 12 and November 26. Full details of opening times are available at wvactive.com.

Wolverhampton Council was forced to find a new venue for the darts when it was revealed the Civic Hall would have to stay shut until at least 2020 for major refurbishment works.

Blinder of a night a real experience



Mark Powell, AKA Fred Farr, YouTuber Charlie Hopkinson, Kevin Metcalfe, Scudboat, and Brian Cohen, Billy Lovelock BY order of the Peaky Blinders - original stars from the TV smash hit are coming to Wolverhampton for a special gig. Three cast members from the hit show will play their first gig at Wolverhampton Academy, formerly Starworks, on November 16 in a show titled A Blinding Experience.

The trio is made up of actors Kevin Metcalfe on the vocals, who plays thug Scudboat, Brian Cohen, AKA Billy Lovelock, on the drums and Mark Powell on the guitar, who plays gangster Fred Farr in the show.

Nostalgia

The night will be based on 1920s nostalgia from the BAF-TA-award winning drama and will feature vintage cars, actors recreating the 1920s experience, the boxing ring from the series and dancers who will be teaching dance moves from the era.

The night will also be hosted by YouTube sensation and impressionist Charlie Hopkinson who has done a number of videos impersonating characters from Peaky Blinders.

The event has been organised by boxing promoter PJ Rowson, from Sedgley, who has played a hand in a number of boxing events across the Black Country over the last two decades. PJ said: "This is a new venture that really excites me. I'm confident we could sell the tickets many times over. This isn't solely a musical evening, it's a fully immersive experience."

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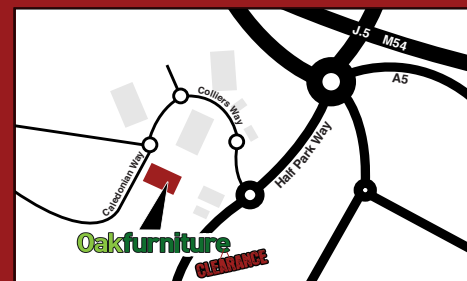
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Following a record-breaking eight years in the West End and having been staged in 11 countries to more than seven million people, the National Theatre's acclaimed play – which was made into a film by Steven Spielberg – will make a welcome return to Birmingham.

At the outbreak of the First World War, Joey, young Albert's beloved horse, is sold to the Cavalry and shipped to France. Albert, who remained on his parents' farm, cannot forget Joey and embarks on a perilous mission to bring him home.

The play is based on the hugely popular novel by Michael Morpurgo and audiences can look forward to a powerfully moving and imaginative drama. At its heart are astonishing life-sized horses by South Africa's Handspring Puppet Company, who bring breathing, galloping, charging horses thrillingly to life on stage.

Thomas Dennis, who plays Albert, said: "We've been touring for over a year and Birmingham will be our last UK venue before we go back to the National Theatre. What's really special is that it's 2018 – the centenary anniversary of the end of the war. That gives the piece a special resonance." See www.birminghamhippodrome.com or call 0844 338 5000.

Dream Disney date

IT'S time to Dream Big as the latest Disney On Ice spectacular prepares to charm families at its Birmingham show.

Join Moana, Maui and friends as they embark on their ice debut. Audiences at the Arena Birmingham will set sail with the wayfinder Moana in Dream Big.

This all-new production, produced by Feld Entertainment, assembles a collection of inspiring stories connected by a cast of characters with a desire to explore the

depths, heights and horizons of their dreams. Alongside Moana and demigod Maui are eight tales of courage and heart, including Frozen, Beauty and the Beast, Aladdin and Tangled. The production will be at the Arena from Friday, October 19 to Sunday, October 28, with weekend matinees.

Courage leads the way for Disney's daring heroes. Travel to the kingdom of Arendelle with Anna, Elsa and Olaf in a retelling of the sisterly love that saved a kingdom. Jump into amazing adventures with Aladdin as he seizes his chance to outwit his adversaries in the

marketplace of Agrabah. Discover uncharted worlds with Rapunzel and Jasmine.

Battle the villain Maleficent in the form of a fire-breathing dragon alongside Prince Phillip, igniting the ice in a blazing spectacle. Dive under the sea with Ariel as she yearns to explore life above the waves. And find the inner strength that comes from kindness and determination with Belle, Aurora and Cinderella. Arrive early to celebrate 90 years of Walt Disney's true original, Mickey Mouse.

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You can't hurry love for Motown

The magical music of Motown will be brought to life when soul classics by Marvin Gaye, Diana Ross, Stevie Wonder, Michael Jackson and Smokey Robinson play out in a new show coming to Birmingham.

West End hit Motown The Musical will be the first show at The Alexandra Theatre since the venue's £650,000 revamp.

The production is dedicated to the music of the American soul/R&B record label, which was founded in Detroit in 1959 and went on to dominate the pop charts during the 1960s and 70s.

It is opening its first UK and Ireland tour at the Station Street venue, and will run from tonight (Thursday) until November 3.

Fans can look forward to singers with a live orchestra performing 50 Motown favourites including Ain't No Mountain High Enough, I'll Be There, Dancing In The Street, Stop! In The Name Of Love, My Girl and I Heard It through the Grapevine.

It will tell the extraordinary story of Motown founder Berry Gordy, who with just 800 dollars borrowed from his family went from featherweight boxer to heavyweight music mogul, discovering and launching the careers of Diana Ross, Michael Jackson, Stevie Wonder, Smokey Robinson, Marvin Gaye and many more.

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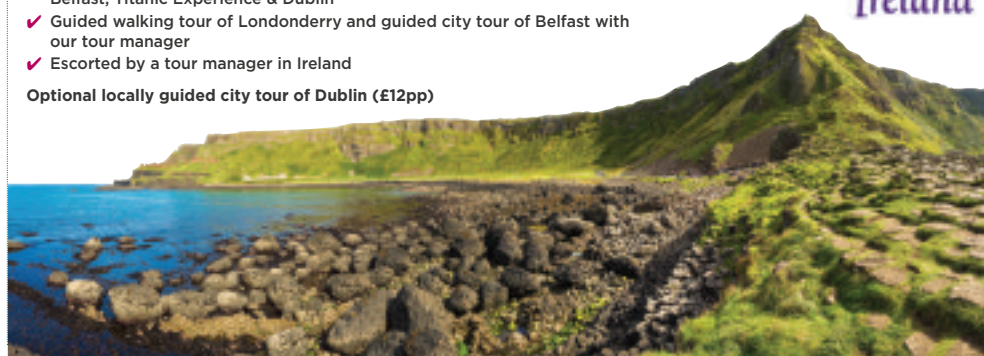
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A routine from Kinky Boots



Bootiful show to drag you into fabulous musical

HIT musical Kinky Boots will soon be strutting straight from the Land Of Lola into Wolverhampton – following the official tour launch of the West End show's UK tour

The award-winning show will be at the Grand from October 16 to 27, starring Callum Francis, Coronation

Street's Paula Lane and Joel Harper-Jackson. Inspired by true events, it tells the tale of Charlie Price, who is struggling to live up to his father's expectation and continue the family shoe business in Northampton.

With the factory's future hanging in the balance, help arrives in the unlikely but spectacular form of Lola, a fabulous drag queen in need of some sturdy new stilettos.

Callum Francis, who plays Lola in a flurry of sparkle and colour, is very much the star of this feel-good musical featuring songs by pop icon Cyndi Lauper.

Kinky Boots has won three Olivier Awards, for Best New Musical, Best Costume Design and Best Actor in a Musical.

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Star Jorja to shine at sold out homecoming concert

Jorja Smith has enjoyed a remarkable rise to fame after the release of her debut album *Lost and Found*.

The Walsall R&B singer is on the road with a sell-out UK tour, which reaches Birmingham's O2 Academy on Saturday.

Jorja started singing when she was eight and began writing songs at the age of 11, amassing many as yet unreleased songs that skew from pop to modern soul.

Her family settled in the area after Jorja's mother forged a career as a jewellery maker, after living in London, and her Jamaica-born father led a neo-soul vocal group called 2nd Naicha. Jorja was raised on a diet of reggae, rock, and soul, which she

countered with her own love of house and dubstep.

Her dad, she said, realised she had a talent when he heard her sing *Silent Night* in church.

Jorja moved to London where she wrote more songs and supported herself by working at Starbucks. Her breakthrough came in January 2016, self-released her debut single, *Blue Lights*, which was a hit on local radio in London. She was discovered by Drake who asked her to duet on *Get It Together*. Jorja said no. "I couldn't sing it because it didn't relate to me," she says. However, soon after, she and her then-boyfriend broke up and the song started to make more sense.

She's enjoyed a meteoric rise since and sang *Blue Lights* at the recent televised Mercury Prize night.



Jorja Smith – meteoric rise

Laughter from the trenches in war play

A play about how a satirical newspaper that was created in the trenches of the First World War is being staged at Birmingham Rep, with the final performances on Saturday afternoon and evening.

In a bombed out building during the First World War in the Belgian town of Ypres (pronounced Wipers by British soldiers), two officers discover a printing press and create a newspaper for the troops. Far from being a sombre journal, they produce a resolutely cheerful, subversive and very funny newspaper designed to lift the spirits of the men on the frontline. Defying enemy bombardments, gas attacks and disapproval of the top brass, *The Wipers Times* rolled off the press for two years and was an extraordinary tribute to the resilience of the human spirit in the face of adversity – and paved the way for such irreverent publications as *Private Eye*, which *Have I Got News For You* regular Hislop has edited since 1986.

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Nigel's work inspired by Polish Jewish culture

It has been a whirlwind year for Nigel Kennedy, seeing him perform huge sell-out shows in London and Manchester, as well as headlining the BBC's Biggest Weekend events in Coventry and Perth.

Next Thursday (October 18) the multi-million selling virtuoso violinist will be at Birmingham's Symphony Hall perform works by Bach, Gershwin, as well as his own self-penned pieces.

A homecoming of sorts for Kennedy, who is a massive Aston Villa fan, he will perform his recent work *The Magician of Lublin*, inspired by his love of Poland and its Jewish heritage. Kennedy will also play *Fugue from Sonata No. 1* by JS Bach and a selection from the *Songbook of George Gershwin* including *Summertime*.

On Saturday at Symphony Hall acclaimed conductor Xian Zhang will take the baton for Shostakovich's *Symphony No 5*. Soprano Fatma Said will also sing a selection of Strauss songs.

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Sandra Oh

Killing Eve (BBC1, 9.25pm)
Having survived a terrifying close call with Villanelle, Eve and the team now have the mole retrieved and ensconced in a safe house, offering the chance to uncover information that could lead them not only to Villanelle, but also to whoever is calling the shots behind her. However, with the cold-blooded and unpredictable assassin still very much at large, are any of them actually safe until she is caught? Spy thriller, starring Jodie Comer, Sandra Oh, Fiona Shaw, Kim Bodnia and Darren Boyd.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live.** **11.30 Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well.** (R) **12.00 Football Focus.** **12.30 Homes Under the Hammer.** (R) **1.00 BBC News: Weather.** **1.15 Bargain Hunt.** (R) **2.15 Money for Nothing.** **3.00 Escape to the Country.** **4.00 Film: Frozen.** (2013) Disney animated fantasy adventure, with the voice of Kristen Bell. **5.30 BBC News.** **5.40 Regional Programme.** **5.50 Pointless Celebrities.** **6.40 Strictly Come Dancing.** Tess Daly and Claudia Winklerman host the next stage of the dance contest, as the 13 remaining couples take to the floor to impress judges Shirley Ballas, Craig Revel Horwood, Bruno Tonioli and Darcey Bussell, as well as the viewers, and avoid being eliminated in tomorrow night's results show. The likes of Faye Tozer, Ashley Roberts, Danny John-Jules and Joe Sugg have all impressed in the opening weeks, but now they are only one poor dance away from potentially being sent home. **8.35 Casualty.** Rash reels from his break up with Gem as she refuses to accept his apology, while David reaches desperation point and gets in touch with Zsa Zsa to help in the quest to find Dylan – but events quickly spiral out of control. **9.25 Killing Eve.** Having survived a terrifying close call with Villanelle, Eve now has the mole ensconced in a safe house and hopes to crack the case open. Spy thriller, starring Sandra Oh. **10.10 BBC News: Weather.** National Lottery Update. **10.30 This Country.** A one-off special investigating the fallout from the criminal activity of Kerry Mucklowe, who became embroiled in a criminal enterprise with her devious father Martin. **11.15 Live at the Apollo.** Jason Manford hosts an evening of stand-up at the Apollo in Hammersmith, London, introducing routines by Georgie comic Chris Ramsey and the multi-talented Doc Brown. (R) **11.45 The NFL Show.** Mark Chapman is joined by former players Osi Umenyiora and Jason Bell to present highlights of Thursday night's game – New York Giants v Philadelphia Eagles at MetLife Stadium. **12.15 Weather for the Week Ahead.** **12.20 BBC News.**

BBC2

6.30 Top Class. (R) **7.00 Marrying Mum and Dad.** (R) **7.30 All Over the Place: Europe.** (R) **8.00 The Denizens.** (R) **8.30 Absolute Genius with Dick & Dom.** (R) **9.00 Elephant Diaries.** (R) **9.30 Elephant Diaries.** (R) **10.00 Talk to the Animals.** (R) **11.00 Echo: An Unforgettable Elephant: Natural World.** (R) **12.00 The Incredible Spice Men.** (R) **12.30 Rick Stein: From Venice to Istanbul.** **1.30 Coast.** **1.50 Film: The Winslow Boy.** (1999) **3.30 Britain's Ultimate Pilots: Inside the RAF.** (R) **4.30 Trust Me, I'm a Doctor.** (R) **5.00 Monkman & Seagull's Genius Guide to Britain.** (R) **5.30 Dad's Army.** (R) **6.00 Mediterranean with Simon Reeve.** A journey around the region, examining the challenges currently facing the nations in the area. In the first episode, Simon visits Malta, southern Italy and Albania. (R) **7.00 Murray Walker: A Life in the Fast Lane.** A profile of the motor-racing commentator whose voice became one of the most recognisable on British television, and who continued to contribute to the BBC's Formula One coverage. **8.00 A House Through Time.** David Olusoga focuses on the 1850s to the 1890s, revealing how a widow changed the Liverpool dwelling into a boarding house, and uncovering stories of infidelity and murder. (R) **9.00 Black Hollywood: "They've Gotta Have Us".** Film veterans Harry Belafonte, Earl Cameron and Diahann Carroll discuss what it was like to be a pioneer in a white movie world. **10.00 QI XL.** Sandi Toksvig asks questions relating to animals that start with a P. Alan Davies is joined by comedian Phil Jupitus, broadcaster Danny Baker and actress Teri Hatcher. **10.45 Snowfall.** With Franklin and Leon nowhere to be seen, Jerome is getting worried. Locked in a basement across town, Franklin has to think fast to stay alive. **11.30 Later Weekend with Jools Holland.** Neneh Cherry performs songs from her fifth solo album Broken Politics. Also appearing are the Lemon Twigs, Echo & the Bunnymen, Sam Fender, Toots Hibbert and Ashley McBryde. **12.35 Film: Department Q: A Conspiracy of Faith.** (2016) **2.20 Trust.** (R) **3.05 This Is BBC Two.**

ITV

6.00 CITV. Dino Dana. **6.10 Super 4.** (R) **6.25 Super 4.** (R) **6.35 Make It Pop.** (R) **6.55 Signed Stories: Share a Story.** (R) **7.05 Mr Bean: The Animated Series.** (R) **7.15 Mr Bean: The Animated Series.** (R) **7.30 Scrambled!: Scrambled!** **7.35 Scrambled!:** The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.50 Scrambled!:** The Powerpuff Girls. (R) **8.10 Scrambled!:** ToonMarty. (R) **8.30 Scrambled!:** The Haunted Hathaways. (R) **9.05 Scrambled!:** Mighty Magiswords! (R) **9.25 ITV News.** **9.30 James Martin's Saturday Morning.** **11.40 Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury.** (R) **12.10 The X Factor.** (R) **1.15 ITV News: Weather.** **1.30 ITV Racing: Live from Newmarket.** Coverage from Newmarket and York. **4.15 The Chase: Celebrity Special.** (R) **5.15 ITV News: Weather.** **5.40 Film: Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince.** (2009) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Daniel Radcliffe. **8.35 The X Factor.** The remaining 24 acts travel to glamorous destinations across the world and have just one more chance to impress their mentors as the live shows draw tantalisingly closer. Each of the regular judges will be joined by a guest who knows all about what it takes to make it in the industry, to help them decide which of the contestants make the cut. **9.50 The Jonathan Ross Show.** Jonathan is joined by Strictly Come Dancing judges Shirley Ballas, Darcey Bussell and Craig Revel Horwood, along with comedian Joe Lycett, former England footballer Peter Crouch and star of Black Earth Rising Michaela Coel. Plus, award-winning singer Tom Odell performs in the studio. **10.55 ITV News: Weather.** **11.10 Film: The Expendables.** (2010) A mercenary team is double-crossed while on a mission to kill a South American dictator. Action thriller, directed by and starring Sylvester Stallone. With Jason Statham. **1.00 Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.00 Long Lost Family.** The stories of a 66-year-old woman who gave up her baby as a teenager and a 53-year-old searching for her birth mother. Davina McCall and Nicky Campbell present. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.10 Motor Sport: Volkswagen Racing Cup. **6.40 Motor Sport: Caterham.** **7.05 3rd Rock from the Sun.** (R) **7.30 3rd Rock from the Sun.** (R) **8.00 Frasier.** (R) **8.35 Frasier.** (R) **9.05 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **9.30 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **10.00 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **10.30 Heineken Champions Cup Rugby: The Big Tackle.** **11.30 The Simpsons.** (R) **12.00 The Simpsons.** (R) **12.30 Live Heineken Champions Cup Rugby: Bath v Toulouse (Kick-off 1.00pm).** **3.10 Car SOS.** (R) **4.05 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun.** (R) **4.35 The People's Vet.** **5.35 Escape to the Chateau: DIY.** (R) **6.30 Channel 4 News.** **7.00 Britain at Low Tide.** In Fife, Tori Herridge explores a wreck close to the scene of one of Britain's worst railway disasters, and assesses the role it played in the rescue operation. A series of holes in rocks on the foreshore lead Tori and the archaeologists to the story of an industry that once dominated the local shoreline, and depended wholly on the power of the sea. She also examines stone carvings left in caves by one of Scotland's oldest tribes. Last in the series. (R) **8.00 Britain's Most Historic Towns.** Alice Roberts explores the Norman period of British history by examining events that occurred in Winchester, a historic town that still retains many hallmarks of the 11th and 12th centuries. To get a taste of this era, she attempts to storm a castle wearing chain mail, investigates the origins of modern surgery, and tries some eel pie. At the conclusion of the episode, cutting edge CGI is used to take the town back in time, and recreate how it would have looked during this period of British history. (R) **9.00 Film: Red 2.** (2013) Former CIA agent Frank Moses reunites his squad of retired operatives for a vital mission. A devastatingly powerful new weapon has been stolen, and it falls to Frank's team to retrieve it – which means facing lethal assassins, terrorists and corrupt government officials out to steal the device. Action thriller sequel, starring Bruce Willis, Helen Mirren and John Malkovich. **11.15 Film: Die Hard.** (1988) Action thriller, starring Bruce Willis and Alan Rickman. **1.45 Experimental.** (R) **2.40 Hollyoaks.** (R) **4.50 Vet on the Hill.** **5.45 Kirstie's Handmade Treasures.** (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00 Rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** **10.20 Rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** (R) **10.35 The Gadget Show.** (R) **11.35 Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud 4.** (R) **12.05 Police Interceptors.** (R) **1.05 Police Interceptors.** (R) **2.05 Film: The Shaggy Dog.** (2006) Comedy remake, starring Tim Allen. **3.05 Access.** **3.10 Film: The Shaggy Dog.** (2006) **Concluded.** **4.10 Rich House, Poor House.** (R) **5.05 Bad Tenants, Rogue Landlords.** (R) **6.05 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away!** Paul Bohill and Steve Pinner evict a couple who owe five months' rent on a flat in an affluent London suburb. (R) **7.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away!** Paul Bohill and Steve Pinner face some tough decisions when they are given the task of repossessing a house in which a woman is living with two young children. (R) **7.55 5 News Weekend.** **8.00 The Theatre of Death: Eight Days That Made Rome.** Bettany Hughes explores the day in 80AD when the Colosseum opened its gates for the first time. For new emperor Titus, the spectacular games and events were an opportunity to win over the people and secure his place on the imperial throne, but why did the Romans – cultured and civilised in so many ways – enjoy witnessing such brutality and bloodletting? Bettany travels across the Roman world in a bid to find answers. Dramatisations featuring Sam Baccus, Oliver Monaghan and Paul Lacoux bring the key moments to life. (R) **9.00 Secrets of the Gladiators: Rome Unwrapped.** Documentary exploring the surviving ruins of ancient Rome, beginning with a look at the Colosseum, featuring surviving accounts from the day the stadium opened. **10.00 Live Boxing: The Heavyweights.** Les McCree v Thomas Essomba. Coverage of the bout for the vacant Commonwealth Bantamweight title at York Hall in Bethnal Green, London. **11.45 Criminals: Caught on Camera.** Nick Wallis joins police forces across the country to reveal how CCTV and technological advances are helping to ensure convictions against shoplifters. (R) **12.15 SuperCasino.** **3.10 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit.** (R) **4.00 The Nightmare Neighbour Abroad.** (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Monkey Planet **8.00 Life Story** **9.00 Film: Goldstone** (2016) **10.45 Inside No 9** **11.45 Classic Albums** **1.45 Monkey Planet** **2.45 Life Story** **3.45 Close**
ITV2
12.00 Catchphrase **12.40 You've Been Framed!** **Gold** **1.45 The X Factor** **2.50 Film: Happy Feet** (2006) **3.50 FYI Daily** **3.55 Film: Happy Feet** (2006) **4.55 Film: Step Up 2: The Streets** (2008) **5.55 FYI Daily** **6.00 Film: The Streets** (2008) **7.00 Film: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (2001) **8.00 FYI Daily** **8.05 Film: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (2001) **10.35 Celebrity Juice** **11.20 Family Guy** **12.40 American Dad!** **1.40 Don't Hate the Playaz** **2.35 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records** **2.45 Teleshopping** **5.45 ITV2 Nightscreen**
ITV3
2.50 Agatha Christie's Poirot **5.00 Lewis** **7.00 Midsomer Murders** **9.00 Endeavour** **11.00 Inspector Morse** **1.15 On the Buses** **2.10 ITV3 Nightscreen** **2.30 Teleshopping**
ITV4
11.20 Cash Cowboys **1.20 Pawn Stars** **3.05 Film: Bend of the River** (1952) **4.05 FYI Daily** **4.10 Film: Bend of the River** (1952) **5.10 Film: Lawman** (1971) **6.10 FYI Daily** **6.15 Film: Lawman** (1971) **7.15 Film: Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol** (1987) **8.15 FYI Daily** **8.20 Film: Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol** (1987) **9.00 Film: Ransom** (1996) **10.05 FYI Daily** **10.10 Film: Ransom** (1996) **11.25 FYI Daily** **12.30 Film: Death Wish 2** (1981) **12.25 FYI Daily** **12.30 Film: Death Wish 2** (1981) **1.45 The Protectors** **1.50 The Americans** **2.45 ITV4 Nightscreen** **3.00 Teleshopping**
E4
12.15 Extreme Cake Makers **12.30 The Great British Bake Off** **1.50 Film: Ice Age: Continental Drift** (2012) **3.30 Young Sheldon** **4.30 The Big Bang Theory** **9.00 Film: The Purge: Anarchy** (2014) **11.00 Gogglebox** **1.15 Tattoo Fixers** **2.20 Rude Tube** **3.40 Celebs Go Dating: The Finale** **4.30 Don't Tell the Bride** **5.25 Rude(ish) Tube** **Film4**
11.00 Hotel for Dogs (2009) **1.05 Epic** (2013) **3.10 The Three Stooges** (2012) **5.00 Carry On Teacher** (1959) **6.45 Cowboys & Aliens** (2011) **9.00 Thor** (2011) **11.15 The World's End** (2013) **1.25 Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance** (2011) **3.20 Close**

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Anna Friel

Butterfly (ITV, 9pm)

New drama series about separated couple Vicky and Stephen, who are reunited when their 11-year-old son Max identifies as a girl. Despite being in a new relationship, Stephen still has unresolved feelings for his ex, and moves back into the family home in the hope of forming a closer bond with his children. While Max's sister encourages him to embrace his female identity, Vicky fears the consequences and a furious Stephen is driven to a terrible revelation. Starring Anna Friel, Emmett J Scanlan, Amy Huberman, Lorraine Burroughs, Lola Ogunyemi and Leah Hackett.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** BBC News. **10.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **11.00** Regional Programme. **11.30** Sunday Morning Live. **12.30** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Money for Nothing. (R) **2.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.45** Points of View. **3.00** Songs of Praise. **3.35** Lifestream. **3.45** Eat Well for Less? (R) **4.45** Pointless Celebrities. (R) **5.30** BBC News. **5.45** Regional Programme. **5.55** Countryfile.

6.55 **Doctor Who**. The Doctor and her new friends have a mystery to solve when they become trapped in a hostile alien world.

7.45 **Strictly Come Dancing: The Results**. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present the results of last night's show before another couple leaves the competition. The Backstreet Boys perform a medley of their greatest hits.

8.30 **Still Open All Hours**. Leroy gets involved in a love triangle when Beth turns up for their date with a friend, while Gramville uses a man who claims to have been abducted by aliens to boost sales.

9.00 **The Cry**. The police investigation begins to focus on Joanna and Alistair, as Peter gets a warrant to search their house and belongings. The couple look back over the day they first arrived in Australia in a desperate effort to work out what happened to their missing child, and agree to a television interview in the hope of sharing their side of the story with the world. However, as Joanna's behaviour grows increasingly unstable, a rattled Alistair goes to the police station, determined to find out what they know.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 **New Tricks**. Part one of two. Gerry is spooked when the team is called in after the discovery of the body of a policeman that has lain untouched under a basement for 30 years. (R)

11.30 **The Women's Football Show**. Eilidh Barbour presents the pick of the action from the Women's Super League, including reigning champions Chelsea's clash with Arsenal. Plus, Manchester City v West Ham United.

12.05 **The Apprentice**. (R) **1.05** The Apprentice: You're Fired. (R) **1.35** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.40** BBC News.

BBC2

6.35 **Around the World in 80 Gardens**. (R) **7.35** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.35** Countryfile. (R) **9.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Food & Drink. **12.00** The Hairy Bikers' Asian Adventure. (R) **1.00** Film: Pal Joey. (1957) Musical comedy, starring Frank Sinatra. **2.45** Flog It! **3.30** Meet the Moose Family: Natural World. (R) **4.30** Rugby League: Super League Grand Final Highlights. **5.30** NFL Live. Oakland Raiders v Seattle Seahawks (Kick-off 6.00pm).

7.00 **Sue Perkins and the Chimp Sanctuary**. After a recent change in American law, decades of testing on chimpanzees has been brought to an end. In this programme, Sue Perkins meets Jill, Whitney, Paula-Jean, Tessa, Martha and Ariah as they settle in at US national sanctuary Chimp Haven after an 800-mile journey from a laboratory in New Mexico to rural Louisiana. Sue also meet a representative of the government agency responsible for federal chimpanzee testing to find out if they think the medical advances to human health have been worth it. (R)

8.00 **Mediterranean with Simon Reeve**. Simon explores Cyprus, Lebanon, Israel and Gaza, going on patrol with UN peacekeepers, discovering the roots of Christianity and crossing the world's most heavily fortified borders.

9.00 **Last Chance Lawyer New York City**. Howard represents a woman with no prior criminal record accused of murdering her husband. However, while he is positive that she is innocent, Marie is not so easily convinced.

9.45 **Mock the Week**. Dara O Briain and Hugh Dennis front a special edition of the topical comedy show featuring best bits and unseen material from the series. (R)

10.15 **No Activity**. Stokes and Hendy are separated and forced to work with other partners. Bruce seeks advice from Jimmy about how to rebuild his relationship with his nephew.

10.45 **No Activity**. Hendy and Stokes stake out the suspected kidnap location. Last in the series.

11.15 Film: **Selma**. (2014)

1.15 Billion Dollar Deals and How They Changed Your World. (R) **2.15** Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) **3.15** Holby City. (R) **4.15** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Dino Dana. **6.10** Super 4. (R) **6.25** Super 4. (R) **6.35** Make It Pop. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.15** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Ben 10. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: The Bagel and Becky Show. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: The Haunted Hathaways. (R) **9.05** Scrambled!: Mighty Magiswords! (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Love Your Home and Garden. (R) **10.30** Midsomer Murders. (R) **12.30** Emmerdale 1918. (R) **1.00** ITV News. **1.15** You've Been Framed! (R) **1.45** The X Factor. (R) **3.00** Back to Mine. **3.30** The Big Audition. (R) **4.30** The Chase. (R) **5.30** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. (R) **6.30** ITV News: Weather.

6.45 **Regional Programme**: Weather.

7.00 **The Chase Celebrity Special**. New series. Bradley Walsh presents as Coronation Street stars Simon Gregson, Victoria Skaroye, Lucy Fallon and Andrew Whymant pit their wits against ruthless quiz genius the Chaser in the hope of winning a potential prize pot worth thousands of pounds. They must work as a team and play strategically to answer general knowledge questions against the clock and race down the game board to the exit without being caught.

8.00 **The X Factor**. The second episode of the Judges' Houses phase, in which the contestants must impress their individual mentor and a special guest judge to win a place in the live shows.

9.00 **Butterfly**. New series. Drama about a separated couple who are reunited when their son identifies as a girl, but divided over what is best for their child's future.

10.00 ITV News: Weather.

10.20 **Police in Danger: Caught on Camera**. What happens when police officers charged with keeping the public safe come under attack, featuring footage filmed by body cameras worn by officers themselves. (R)

11.15 **Gordon, Gino and Fred: Road Trip**. Gordon Ramsay, Gino D'Acampo and Fred Sirieix organise a ceremony in their home countries. (R)

12.15 Strangers. (R) **1.05** Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 Motor Sport: British Rally Championship. **6.35** Motor Sport: FIA World Rallycross Championship. **7.30** Frasier. (R) **7.55** Frasier. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Jamie Cooks Italy. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons. (R) **1.30** Film: Antz. (1998) Animated comedy, with the voice of Woody Allen. **3.10** The Great British Bake Off. (R) **4.30** Location, Location, Location. (R) **5.30** Grand Designs. (R)

6.30 **Channel 4 News**.

7.00 **Phil Spencer's Stately Homes**. The property expert visits Belvoir Castle in Leicestershire, searching for a lost railway under the building and trying his hand at modern-day pest control with a medieval twist. He also discovers an aristocratic sex scandal painted on the ceiling and learns the astronomical cost of the original construction work. (R)

8.00 **Great Canal Journeys**. Timothy West and Prunella Scales explore the Naviglio Grande Canal in Italy, which runs from Lake Maggiore to Milan and is Europe's oldest working canal, providing passage for marble-carrying barges for over 500 years. Along the way, they stop at the Swiss lakeside town of Locarno, the gardens of Isola Bella, and Milan's most famous cathedral, as well as learning a traditional Italian barging song.

9.00 **Film: Now You See Me 2**. (2016) Premiere. A gang of magicians-turned-criminals is reunited by a ruthless technology magnate, who forces the team to carry out a seemingly impossible heist on his behalf. The illusionists realise their only hope of avoiding the law is to expose the businessman's illegal activities. Crime thriller sequel, starring Jesse Eisenberg, Mark Ruffalo, Daniel Radcliffe and Morgan Freeman.

11.35 **Film: The Fault in Our Stars**. (2014) Two American teenagers bond at a cancer support group and go on a literary pilgrimage to Amsterdam. Romantic drama, starring Shailene Woodley and Ansel Elgort.

1.45 **George Clarke's Amazing Builds by the Sea**. (R) **2.40** Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb. (R) **3.35** Grand Designs New Zealand. (R) **4.30** Vet on the Hill. (R) **5.25** Buy It Now. (R) **5.50** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.10** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.15** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **6.30** Luo Bao Bei. (R) **6.40** Digby Dragon. (R) **6.50** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.00** Thomas & Friends. (R) **7.15** Bob the Builder. (R) **7.25** Rusty Rivets. (R) **7.40** Peppa Pig. (R) **7.50** Peppa Pig. (R) **7.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.10** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.25** Nella the Princess Knight. **8.40** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.00** Pirata & Capitano. (R) **9.15** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **9.30** Floogals. (R) **9.50** Paw Patrol. (R) **10.00** Rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.20** Rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.35** Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud 3. (R) **11.05** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.00** Friends. (R) **12.30** Friends. (R) **1.00** Friends. (R) **1.30** Friends. (R) **2.00** Friends. (R) **2.30** Friends. (R) **3.00** Friends. (R) **3.25** Friends. (R) **3.55** Friends. (R) **4.25** Friends. (R) **4.55** Film: Jack the Giant Slayer. (2013) **5.55** 5 News Update.

6.00 **Film: Jack the Giant Slayer**. (2013) Concluded.

7.00 **World's Most Vicious Beasts**. Part one of two. The 10 deadliest animals from prehistoric times, including sabre-toothed cats, giant venomous lizards, huge birds, and the infamous Tyrannosaurus Rex.

7.55 **5 News Weekend**.

8.00 **Ice Road Truckers**. New series. The return of the documentary following drivers hauling supplies over frozen terrain, with companies dealing with predictions of one of the shortest winters on record.

9.00 **Ancient Mysteries: Viking Burial Secrets Revealed**. New series. Documentary looking into the discovery of a Viking tomb in the small Danish town of Fregerslev in November 2012, one of the largest ever found in Denmark.

10.00 **Big Brother**. Daily round-up of highlights, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chit-chat.

11.30 **Michael Jackson: Man in the Mirror**. Profile of the singer, following his development from child star with the Jackson 5 to becoming an iconic performer in his own right as an adult. (R)

1.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** Paddington Starz 24/7. (R) **4.00** Inside Britain's Biggest Mosques. (R) **4.45** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.10** House Doctor. (R) **5.35** Divine Designs. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 Engineering Giants: Ferry Strip-Down. **8.00** James May's Cars of the People. **9.00** Cold War: Hot Jets. **10.00** The Sky at Night. **10.30** Faud: Bette and Joan. **12.00** The Art of France. **1.00** Duets at the BBC. **2.00** Robert Rauschenberg: Pop Art Pioneer. **3.00** James May's Cars of the People. **4.00** Close

ITV2

12.15 The X Factor. **1.30** Catchphrase. **2.10** Film: Around the World in 80 Days (2004). **3.10** FYI Daily. **3.15** Film: Around the World in 80 Days (2004). **4.30** Film: Happy Feet Two (2011). **5.30** FYI Daily. **5.35** Film: Happy Feet Two (2011). **6.25** Film: The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (2002). **7.25** Film: The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (2002). **10.00** Family Guy. **11.25** American Dad! **12.25** The Cleveland Show. **12.50** The Weekender: Boat Party. **1.50** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records. **2.20** Teleshopping. **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

12.55 Agatha Christie's Poirot. **3.20** Film: Colombo: The Greenhouse Jungle (1972). **4.55** Foyles War. **9.00** Lewis. **11.00** Wire in the Blood. **1.05** Long Lost Family. **2.00** Murder, She Wrote. **3.45** Road to Avonlea. **5.30** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4

12.40 Film: Lonely Are the Brave (1962). **1.40** FYI Daily. **1.45** Film: Lonely Are the Brave (1962). **2.55** Film: The Alamo (1960). **3.55** FYI Daily. **4.00** Film: The Alamo (1960). **6.05** Made in Britain. **7.10** Film: Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach (1988). **8.10** FYI Daily. **8.15** Film: Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach (1988). **9.00** Film: Safe House (2012). **10.05** FYI Daily. **10.10** Film: Safe House (2012). **11.20** Film: Unknown (2011). **12.20** FYI Daily. **12.25** Film: Unknown (2011). **1.40** Minder. **2.40** ITV4 Nightscreen. **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

12.50 The Big Bang Theory. **4.40** Film: Rio 2 (2014). **9.00** Film: Captain America: The First Avenger (2011). **9.00** Celebs Go Dating. **10.00** Club Rep Wars. **11.05** The Big Bang Theory. **12.05** First Dates. **1.10** Celebs Go Dating. **2.15** Club Rep Wars. **3.10** Rude Tube. **3.35** Holyoaks

Film4

11.00 Flight of the Navigator (1986). **12.50** Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (2011). **2.55** A Monster in Paris (2011). **4.40** Mrs Doubtfire (1993). **7.00** Turner & Hooch (1989). **9.00** The Family (2013). **11.15** True Lies (1994). **2.00** Hitchcock/Truffaut (2015). **3.45** Close

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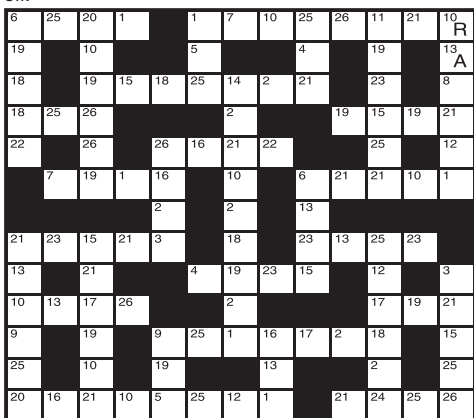
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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2	15
3	16
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
E	O	P	A	J	M	T	G	Z	N	B	C	K
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues – both fit the same grid.

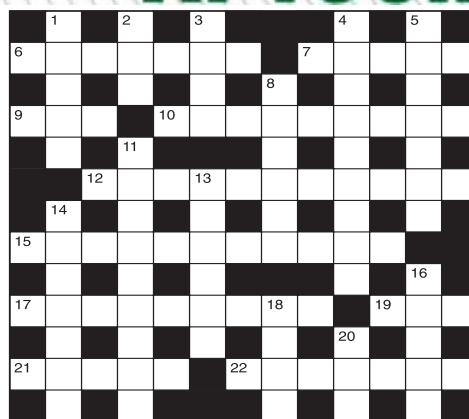
Cryptic Clues:

Across

- A cheese list misplaced and not brought back (7)
- One not born to work (5)
- It's evacuated during the shelling (6)
- A brave man (3,6)
- Handy aid in solving crime (11)
- Proceeded to argue like Siamese Twins? (6,5)
- Not up to date with the accounts (2,7)
- Spelling this can be fun (3)
- Used by those attractive hair (5)
- Grave words for those who are late (7)

Down

- A bench to put in the sun (5)
- Old prophet among the Israelites (3)
- New mode of ecclesiastical architecture? (4)
- Flew round in a miraculous way (9)
- Word of praise (7)
- Type of briefs used in the textile industry (6)
- A foreign girl who drops in after marriage! (9)
- Incorrectly tagged labour-saving device (6)
- It may lead to a quick duck for any batsman (7)
- Time of strain? (5)
- Ready to drop (4)
- Enclosure in the post you open (6)



Quick Clues:

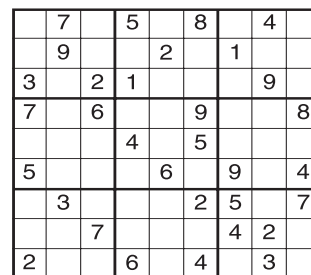
Across

- Generous (7)
- Flinch (5)
- Intimidate (3)
- Litter (9)
- Formal utterance (11)
- Narrator (11)
- Food (9)
- Arid (3)
- Demise (5)
- Slander (7)

Down

- Guide (5)
- Wager (3)
- Huge (4)
- Buyer (9)
- Leave (7)
- Disclose (6)
- Corruption (9)
- Eager (6)
- Begun (7)
- 144 (5)
- Otherwise (4)
- Damp (3)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

6	8	9	7	5	2	1	3	4
4	5	1	8	6	3	2	9	7
2	3	7	1	4	9	8	5	6
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9	6	3	5	1	8	4	7	2
8	2	4	3	9	7	5	6	1
1	7	5	6	2	4	3	8	9

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
 CRYPTIC – Across: 7 Direct descent; 8 Disorder; 9 Laps; 10 Stater; 12 Insure; 14 Prison; 16 Stuffy; 18 Taxi; 20 Misprint; 22 Light industry.
 Down: 1 Minister; 2 Report; 3 Stud; 4 Dear sirs; 5 Scales; 6 Snap; 11 Ring main; 13 Refinery; 15 Slight; 17 Unrest; 19 Axis; 21 Side.
 QUICK – Across: 7 Discredit; 8 Sediment; 9 Type; 10 Divert; 12 Sledge; 14 Better; 16 Edible; 18 Room; 20 Strength; 22 Accommodating. Down: 1 Lifeline; 2 Scribe; 3 Dene; 4 Distaste; 5 Mantle; 6 Slap; 11 Tiresome; 13 Gelatine; 15 Tomboy; 17 Ignite; 19 Once; 21 Rude.

Quiz

- What nationality was the composer Heitor Villa-Lobos?
- The Khyber Pass connects Pakistan and which other country?
- Which court was abolished by the Long Parliament in 1641?
- Which Carry On star was born James Smith?
- What parts of speech are 'they' and 'them'?
- What do we call Pongo pygmaeus?
- Which former sex symbol described Jill Phipps as the "Joan of Arc of veal"?
- Of what is the bar a unit?
- Which Roman slave is associated with a lion?
- What is the name of the channel separating Tasmania from Australia?

Last week's solutions:

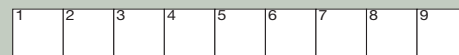
Quiz: 1 W H Auden; 2 Octopus; 3 Numbers; 4 Leopard; 5 White River; 6 Bolivia; 7 Corona; 8 County Kerry; 9 A grass; 10 Patricia Highsmith.
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It is for sale through Rees Page estate agents at £210,000 with no chain. Having majority double glazing and central heating, fixtures and fittings are included. With offers invited for consideration, viewing is recommended. It has a canopy entrance porch, a reception hall, a living room, a kitchen/diner, three bedrooms and a wet room.

Outside, to the rear is an attractive well kept garden of shrubs and trees plus a lawn and patio.

To the front is a neat garden of lawn, hedge and driveway, leading to a 'canopy' area with access to the garage.

The garage has folding wooden doors to the front, power points, strip lights, and plumbing for a washing machine. In more detail the reception hall has stairs off to the first floor. The living room has a bow window to the front, a gas fire and double doors to the kitchen/diner.

The kitchen/diner has a range of fitted wall and base units, roll edge work surfaces, a sink and drainer, an integrated electric oven and hob, tiled splash-backs, an Ideal boiler, an under-stairs cupboard, laminate flooring, a window and double doors to the rear garden and a door to the garage. The first floor landing has a loft hatch, side window and an airing cupboard. Bedroom one has two windows to the front and a built-in cupboard and wardrobe.

Bedroom two has a window to the rear, as does bedroom three. The wet room has a WC, a wall mounted wash basin, an open shower area, tiled walls and an extractor fan.

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"AN OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE A THREE BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW WITH A HIGHLY DECEPTIVE MATURE GARDEN OFFERING HUGE POTENTIAL!" Comprising - hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility, three bedrooms, family bathroom, off road parking, front & generous rear gardens, double garage. EPC rating D

REMODERNISED DETACHED HOME



WESTCROFT, CANNOCK ROAD £300,000

NO UPWARD CHAIN

"A CHAIN FREE BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED & SHOWHOME STYLED REMODERNISED TRADITIONAL DETACHED HOUSE SITUATED IN A DESIRABLE LOCATION" Comprising lounge, dining room/breakfast room, office/utility, refitted designer kitchen, three bedrooms, refitted bathroom, front & private rears with off road parking. EPC rating D

5 BEDROOM DETACHED



ESSINGTON, LARCHMERE DRIVE £340,000

FANTASTIC FAMILY HOME

"A STYLISH IMPRESSIVE & SHOWHOME STYLED DETACHED HOME" Comprising ground floor guest wc, lounge, dining room, two part fitted kitchen, utility, feature conservatory, FIVE BEDROOMS, master en-suite, family wet room & rear gardens with ample off road parking with garage to side. EPC rating D

WEDNESFIELD, PRESTWOOD ROAD WEST £280,000



"A SHOWHOME STYLED REMODERNISED DETACHED HOME WITH GROUND FLOOR ANNEX TYPE LIVING ACCOMMODATION" Comprising 19ft lounge, 22ft refitted open plan kitchen diner, utility, ground floor BEDROOM FOUR, guest wc, three first floor bedrooms, bathroom, en-suite, front & rear gardens with off road parking. EPC rating D

COVEN, HOLMCROFT GARDENS £230,000



"A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE A CORNER PLOT CHAIN FREE SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW SITUATED IN A DESIRABLE CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION" Comprising 18ft lounge, dining room, kitchen, feature conservatory, two bedrooms, bathroom, front, side & pleasant rear gardens with carport & detached garage. EPC rating D

ESSINGTON, ROSEWOOD GARDENS £240,000



"A BEAUTIFUL PRESENTED & HIGHLY DECEPTIVE EXTENDED MODERN DETACHED HOME SITUATED IN A CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION" Comprising guest wc, 24ft open plan lounge diner, garden/family room, dining room, luxury kitchen, utility, three bedrooms, bathroom, front & rear gardens, off road road, garage/store to side. EPC rating D

BRADMORE BIRCHES BARN ROAD £200,000



"A HIGHLY DECEPTIVE SURPRISINGLY SPACIOUS TWO/THREE BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW OFFERING HUGE POTENTIAL" Comprising porch, hall, lounge, dining room (Bedroom Three potential), kitchen, conservatory, two bedrooms, bathroom, separate wc, off road parking, front & rear gardens, garage & outbuildings. EPC rating E

PALMERS CROSS CONISTON ROAD £200,000



"A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE A THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOME WITH A GENEROUS REAR GARDEN" Comprising - entrance hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, family bathroom, separate wc, off road parking, front & rear gardens, garage, outbuilding. EPC rating D

FEATHERSTONE HILTON ROAD £155,000



"THE WONDERFUL RETIREMENT STYLE BUNGALOW" Comprising - lounge, open plan breakfast kitchen, utility with joining store, two double bedrooms, fitted bathroom and wonderful gardens with rear access. EPC rating D

OFF WELLINGTON ROAD FIELD CLOSE £155,000



"A SPACIOUS STUNNING THREE BEDROOM TOWN HOUSE SET OVER THREE FLOORS OVERLOOKING BEAUTIFUL COMMUNAL GROUNDS" Comprising modern fitted kitchen, utility, ground floor wc, lounge, three bedrooms set over two floors, en-suite, family bathroom, secure allocated parking, front & rear gardens. EPC rating C

WHEATON ASTON, FROG LANE £325,000



"MAKE US AN OFFER ON THIS FANTASTIC HOME SET IN THE HEART OF WHEATON ASTON WITH GROUND FLOOR ANNEX TYPE LIVING" Comprises generous lounge, dining room, kitchen, four bedrooms (ground floor bedroom 4 with shower room utility area), bathroom, separate wc, off road parking, front, side & rear gardens. EPC rating D

NEW INVENTION BLOOMFIELD DRIVE 145,000



"CONNELLS ARE PLEASED TO OFFER FOR SALE A WELL PROPORTIONED & SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOME" Comprising entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, kitchen diner, three bedrooms, family bathroom, off road parking & garage, front & rear gardens with outbuildings. EPC rating D

BENTLEY BRIDGE DACE ROAD £159,995



"A CHAIN FREE MODERN THREE STOREY TOWN HOUSE WITH GARAGE & PARKING TO REAR" This wonderful spacious home offers flexible living accommodation with 3/4 four bedrooms, master en-suite, family bathroom, lounge, fitted kitchen, ground floor guest wc. EPC rating D

PENN COALWAY ROAD £190,000



"A TRADITIONAL THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOME THAT IS SURPRISINGLY SPACIOUS THROUGHOUT OFFERING HUGE POTENTIAL" Comprising - entrance hall, lounge, dining room, cellar, fitted kitchen, ground floor shower room, three bedrooms, family bathroom, off road parking, front & rear gardens. EPC rating E

NEW INVENTION BRERETON ROAD £135,000



"A BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED & SHOWHOME STYLED SEMI DETACHED HOME OFFERING FLEXIBLE LIVING ACCOMMODATION" Comprising 19ft open plan lounge diner, fitted kitchen, 19ft family room (ideal for Bedroom 3 or annex), two double bedrooms, fitted bathroom, pleasant front & rear gardens with off road parking). EPC rating TBC

WEDNESFIELD HARPER AVENUE £130,000



NOTICE OF OFFER: Connells are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £127,500 for 9 Harper Avenue W111 1HF. Anyone wishing to place an offer on this property should contact Connells 81-83 Darlington Street, Wolverhampton W1 4EX - 01902 710170 before exchange of contracts. EPC rating D

WEDNESFIELD, SPONDON ROAD £220,000



"A STUNNING REMODERNISED & EXTENDED TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED HOME" This beautifully presented home briefly comprises guest wc, generous extended lounge, family room/guest Bedroom Four, fantastic refitted kitchen, three upstairs bedrooms, luxury bathroom, front & rear gardens with garage. EPC rating TBC

WEDNESFIELD OLINTHUS AVENUE £120,000



"A CHAIN FREE SEMI DETACHED HOME SITUATED OFF LINTHOURSE LANE" Briefly comprising large open plan lounge diner, kitchen, veranda with storage/utility areas, two bedrooms, wet room, gated off road parking to front and a large rear garden with summer house. EPC rating D

PENDEFORD MARKHAM CROFT £95,000



"CHAIN FREE - CONNELLS ARE PLEASED TO OFFER FOR SALE A TWO BEDROOM TERRACED HOME SITUATED IN A POPULAR CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION" Comprising lounge, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms and family bathroom. Externally there is communal parking to front and a panel enclosed rear garden. EPC rating E

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£299,950

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This magnificent and beautifully appointed period semi-detached property in Thompson Street, The Manor, Willenhall, is for sale through Skitts estate agents at £299,950.

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AUCTION - 25TH OCTOBER 2018



'CLENT VIEW,' 32 ROCK STREET, UPPER GORNAL, DY3 2BL

Impressive Period Detached, spacious accommodation, 2 Reception, Cellar, 3 Bedrooms, Full Refurbishment Required Epc: TBA Coach House with 2 upper rooms, large Grounds - possible development potential (STPP)

Guide £170,000 / £180,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 12th & 13th OCTOBER @ 10.00 a.m.



28 JEFFREY AVENUE, PARKFIELDS, WV4 6HU

Cul-de-sac location, large Semi., Hall 2 Reception, Conservatory, Kitchen, WC., Workshop, 3 Bedrooms, large Bathroom, off-road Parking, Rear Garden. Epc: D.64

Guide: £107,000 / £112,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 12th & 13th OCTOBER @ 11.00 a.m.



22 MARLBROOK DRIVE, GOLDTHORN HILL, WV4 5AU

Large corner site, Modern Detached + Annexe. Porch, Hall, Cloakroom, 2 Reception, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Annexe offering Lounge, Kitchen, Double Bedroom, spacious Lobby, Bathroom, Double Garage, ample off-road Parking, large Rear Garden. Epc: D.58

Guide £220,000 / £230,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY 12th & 13th OCTOBER @ 11.45 a.m.



16 PARK AVENUE, GOLDTHORN PARK, WV4 5AL

Established location, Detached Bungalow ripe for refurbishment. Large driveway, Porch, Hall, 2 Reception, Sun Lounge, Kitchen area, 2 Double Bedrooms, Garage, wide Rear Garden. Epc: G.11

Guide £175,000 / £185,000

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27 MALCOLM COURT + GARAGE, off LOWER VAUXHALL, WV1 4SS

First Floor Flat - easy access to shops & City Centre. Hall, Store, Lounge, Kitchen, Double Bedroom, Shower Room. Garage No. 7. Epc: D.68

Guide: £19,000 / £24,000

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26 SHOWELL ROAD, BUSHBURY, WV10 9LT

End Terrace in convenient location - ready for refurbishment. Majority Double Glazing, CH system, 2 Reception, Kitchen, Lobby, Bathroom, 2 Double Bedrooms, (90ft. approx.) Rear Garden Epc: E.49

Guide: £19,000 / £24,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY 12th & 13th OCTOBER @ 12.00 noon



38 SABRINA ROAD, WIGHTWICK, WV6 8BP

Prime residential area, large Detached, Hall, 3 Reception, spacious 20ft Kitchen, Utility, Study, WC., 5 Bedrooms, Bathroom + additional Bathroom / shower area, Garage, generous Rear Garden. Epc: TBA

Guide £395,000 / £415,000.

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39 Littleton Road, Willenhall



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36 Upper Villiers Street, Wolverhampton



A Vacant Freehold Mid Terraced Property

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54 Kimberley Street, Wolverhampton



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53 Prosser Street, Wolverhampton



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12 Elgin Court, Perton, Wolverhampton



A Vacant Leasehold Studio Flat

Guide Price* : £40,000 - £45,000 (plus fees)

61 Bilston Lane, Willenhall



A Vacant Freehold Detached Bungalow, which may have development potential, subject to planning

Guide Price* : £29,000 - £34,000 (plus fees)

43 Daley Road, Bilston



A Vacant Freehold Mid Terraced Property

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LOT 5

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SITE REAR OF 117-118 MOSS ROAD, CHADSMOOR, CANNOCK, WS11 6DP

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Good sized development site
- Outline PP for the erection of 4No. one bedroom apartments together with off road parking, cycling bins store and amenity space
- Outline PP was granted for the development by Cannock Chase District Council under ref: CH177091 ON 22nd December 2017
- Floor areas:
 - Flats 1 and 3 - 41.09m²
 - Flats 2 and 4 - 37.31m²

GUIDE PRICE £80,000+

LOT 6

12 CENTRAL AVENUE, CHADSMOOR, CANNOCK

FREEHOLD RESIDENTIAL INVESTMENT

- Three bedroom semi detached house
- Standing on larger corner plot
- Gas central heating
- Producing £8,760 P.A
- EPC rating 1bc

GUIDE PRICE £70,000+

LOT 1

9 LINDON DRIVE, BROWNHILLS, WS8 6DD

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Three bedroom semi detached house
- In need of refurbishment
- Located in popular position
- Gas central heating
- EPC rating D (58)

GUIDE PRICE £65,000+

LOT 2

4 BALMORAL COURT, BELT ROAD, HEDNESFORD, WS12 4JP

LEASEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Ground floor flat
- Two bedrooms
- Electric heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- EPC rating C (74)

GUIDE PRICE £60,000+

LOT 3

117 MOSS ROAD, CHADSMOOR, CANNOCK, WS11 6DP

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Attractive three bedroomed detached house
- Located in popular residential area
- Requiring some modernisation
- Benefiting from gas fired central heating
- EPC rating E (43)

GUIDE PRICE £110,000+

LOT 4

118 MOSS ROAD, CHADSMOOR, CANNOCK, WS11 6DP

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION

- Attractive double fronted 4 bedroom detached house
- In popular residential area
- Requiring some modernisation
- EPC rating E (52)

GUIDE PRICE £150,000+

163 - 165 HIGH STREET, CHASETOWN, BURNTWOOD, WS7 3XL

FREEHOLD RESIDENTIAL INVESTMENT

LOT 7

- Detached property arranged as four self contained flats
- Popular residential area
- Ground and first floor store rooms could be incorporated into current units to provide additional bedroom accommodation giving potential for further rental growth
- Producing £19,260 P.A
- EPC's ratings:
 - Flat 163 - C (71)
 - Flat 163a - C (71)
 - Flat 165 - E (46)
 - Flat 165a - C (70)

GUIDE PRICE £180,000 - £200,000

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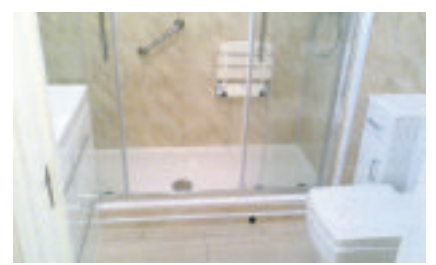
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FINCHFIELD
In the popular residential area of Finchfield, 103 Westacre Crescent is a three-bedroomed town house, now being for sale through Rees Page Estate Agents at £139,950 with no chain.



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<p>FINCHFIELD</p> <p>WESTACRE CRESCENT Mid terraced home West of Wolverhampton City would benefit from a future scheme of refurbishment, but offers potential. It has DG plus radiator CH (both where specified), front driveway and mature rear garden. No upwards chain and offers are invited for consideration. (EPC 58=D)</p> <p>NEW PRICE & OFFERS INVITED!</p> <p>3 1 1 1</p>	<p>WILLENHALL</p> <p>AMPLEFORTH DRIVE Modern 1st floor apartment, 2 bedrooms, bathroom and En-suite plus parking and communal grounds. DG and with electric heating (where specified). Suitable for commute by the black country route and M5 plus M6 Motorways. Ideal for investor landlords. Note the current tenants agreement runs until February 2019. (EPC 80=C)</p> <p>NO CHAIN/OFFERS INVITED</p> <p>2 1 2 2</p>	<p>BILSTON</p> <p>BAY AVENUE A deceptively large family home best described as 'Link-detached offering 3 excellent Bedrooms, together with en-suite and family bathroom. Excellent 'under-cover' parking and drive. With the Midland Metro tram stop a short walking distance and also a wide range of local amenities. (EPC 72=C)</p> <p>MUST BE VIEWED!</p> <p>3 1 2 2</p>	<p>WOLVERHAMPTON</p> <p>MARNEL COURT SECOND FLOOR FLAT NEUTRALLY DECORATED GAS CENTRAL HEATING GARAGE (EPC 70 = C)</p> <p>2 1 1 1</p>

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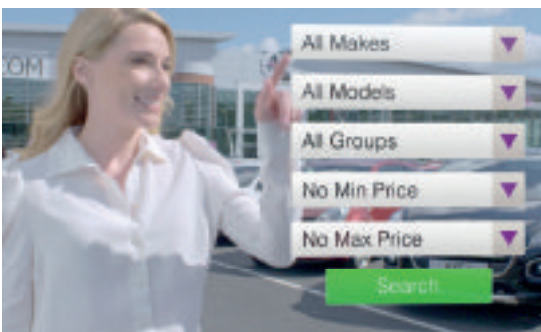
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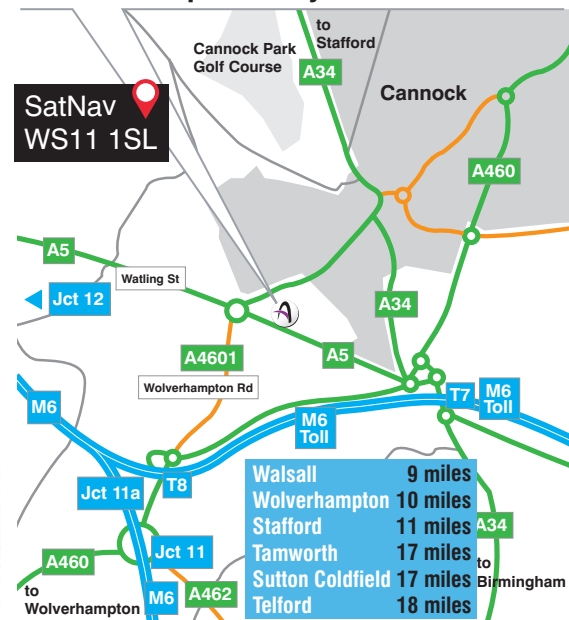
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Every body panel of the latest Duster is freshly minted

Duster is good-looking and amazing value-for-money

By Sharon Walters

Success hasn't gone to Dacia's head with the second generation Duster, the high value SUV that's been a solid seller in 44 countries around the world.

Not least here in the UK, where thousands of motorists have succumbed to its modestly priced charms since sales of the Renault owned and Romanian made brand started in 2013.

So the newcomer builds on the old car's down to earth practicalities in an all-new body that's still instantly recognisable as a Duster and almost precisely the same modest size as before.

You can still buy a Duster for less than £10,000 too, even if the actual price is now £9,995 – a rise of £500 – and you don't even get a radio.

Hardly anyone buys the bargain basement version, most people opting for one of the posher of four Dusters on offer. No surprise, really, when even the dearest costs from a modest £14,395.

Indeed, without adding any extras (of which there aren't many and they're inexpensive anyway) the most you can pay for the latest Duster is £16,395. And that will give you a four-wheel drive machine



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The interior is more upmarket than before

capable of embarrassing cars many times its price off road. The 4x4 Duster is only available with petrol power and attracts the same £2,000 premium as the diesels.

The vast majority of Dacia Duster drivers will stick to a cheaper front-drive model and most of them will be powered by a 1.6 litre 115 horsepower petrol engine (a 1.5 litre diesel with the same output is a substantial £2,000 more).

Tested in the new and more realistic official economy test just being introduced throughout Europe the new Duster manages a 43.5mpg average in petrol form (40.7mpg as a 4x4) and 64.2mpg with diesel power. CO2 figures are 149/158/115 g/km respectively.

Every body panel of the newcomer is freshly minted although it's very obviously a Duster, but one made to look wider and meaner with a stretched feel to the lights at the front and shallower windows to the side.

The interior feels more upmarket than before; hardly the pinnacle of luxury but solidly constructed and practical and with more storage space for the oddmots of living. Boot capacity is unchanged and remains more than adequate, and a little smaller in the 4x4.

Dacia says more sound insulation and thicker front windows have actually halved the cabin noise and attention to the front seats gives the driver more height adjustment, an armrest and variable lumbar support.

Trying out a petrol powered Comfort version (£13,195) the added hush was immediately obvious, with no need to raise voices at a motorway cruising pace.

It was also obvious the Duster is no ground pawing tearaway, preferring coaxing to outright provocation and then capable of making refined progress while a driver appreciates the newly lessened steering effort and passengers notice how the car deals nicely with rougher road surfaces.

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Single Women

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MARILYN blue eyed curly female, 52, loves music, good wine, romantic strolls, cosy nights in, WLTM like-minded romantic for quality times. Age unimportant. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 432347**

LUCY, 49yrs, just looking to enjoy life, can you help? seeks fun and good times in or out, nothing-heavy just fun times. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 432297**

PAM, 40yrs, cuddly, attractive, self-sufficient, employed, looking for similar sincere male for hopefully LTR. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 432165**

SUSIE, married, adventurous/dominant lady, 38yrs, seeks discreet man any age/area for no strings fun. Lives in North West. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 431239**

CHRISTINE 48yrs, petite blue eyed brunette, attractive, many varied interests, looking for honest, caring, N/S romantic guy with GSOH to make my life complete again. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 432301**

JENNY single independent attractive lady, tall and leggy, sensual and looking for very special male friend. Only genuine callers pls. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 432153**

HEATHER 47, larger than life, cuddly built lady, scrubs up pretty well, employed, OHAC, GSOH, looking for good times with willing male. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 432127**

TINA, 44, fun loving single mum who enjoys most things in life, seeking happy guy with GSOH for meals in, dates out, possible romance and adult companionship. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 431845**

BIANNA, petite female, 48, attractive, nice natured, sociable, many likes and interests, seeking independent male to share new interests, hobbies and lots of adult time. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 431841**

ATTRACTIVE blonde lady, from Aberdeen but willing to travel. 52yrs loves walking, socialising, dining out etc. Hoping to meet a kind gentleman for life's pleasures. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 432073**

JANET 42yrs, looking for handsome prince to spoil me in return for lots of good fun and well deserved uncomplicated attention. Discretion assured. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 432011**

AMANDA, 36yrs, attractive lady. Solvent and well educated and spoken. Feminine figure with large breasts. Hoping to meet a broad-minded gent, any age for discreet relationship. I don't mind if you are married or single. Midlands but can travel. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 432287**

JAYNE, 42yrs, very pretty brunette, stylish, fun, loves the 60s, fine wine/restaurants, seeks professional gent for mutual life enhancement. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 431893**

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LORNA 50s, slim female, 5ft 5ins, many interests, loves music, seeking romantic male to enjoy special times together, hopefully leading to true love. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 431889**

JACKIE, 65, would love to meet a genuine guy, 60-70 yrs, N/S, for days out and more. I'm youthful and have a GSOH. Looking for someone reliable. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 6449995**

ANGELA, 48yrs, seeks no strings casual fun. I have my own house, car and am solvent. I'm busy with a firm figure. You must be open minded, age/status unimportant. South East but travels countryside with work. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 427633**

CAROLINE, 42yrs, sophisticated professional lady, bored with chaps from work, hoping to meet a burly workman! Come on lets have some discreet times. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 6146576**

LEICESTER male, 59, slim, lonely and unloved seeks lady for rendezvous. I give lots of kisses and cuddles. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 6446017**

JULIE, widow, petite attractive big blue eyed brunette, loves cooking a cozy meal in, nights out, searching for real love with genuinely nice guy. Looks unimportant. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 432449**

MARK, 48, 5ft8, keeps in shape, plays football, looking for a friend with benefits/relationship. Discretion needed and assured. Married or single female welcome. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 432477**

PHILIPINA, Asian lady, 32yrs, Respectful, kind with boyish figure. WLTM mature strong minded man. Looks unimportant but must be manly. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 4161491**

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JANET, 49yrs, tall, blonde, slim size 12, enjoys life, no hang-ups, wanting quality time, friendship and possible romance with similar guy. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 432423**

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MEGHAN, married, bored, looking for some excitement. Iâ€™m 48yrs, attractive with a curvy figure, blonde hair and well dressed. Hoping to meet chap of any age for discreet meetings. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 4132478**

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DEBBIE 44yrs, petite attractive auburn haired, good listener, romantic, enjoys socialising, seeks cosy nights in with Mr Right. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 432411**

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JANETTE, black lady, 52yrs, kind, romantic with very good sense of humour/fun. Hoping to meet a kind white man for romance, fun and passionate times. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 4086142**

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Licensing Act 2003 NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE

An application to vary a premises licence has been made by Three Hammers Bar & Bistro Limited to South Staffordshire District Council in respect of premises known as Three Hammers Bar & Bistro, Old Stafford Road, Cross Green, Staffordshire WV10 7PP. The application is as follows: Monday to Sunday every day of the year unless the day is specifically extended.

- Retail sale of alcohol 0600-0030 hours Monday to Sunday, every day of the year.
- Plays, Films, Indoor sporting events, Recorded music, live music, performance of dance or anything of a similar nature- 0600 -0100 hours Monday to Sunday every day of the year.
- Late Night Refreshment 2300-0100 hours, Monday to Sunday every day of the year.
- Premises open to the public 0600 -0130 every day of the year.

Any representation by responsible authorities or any other person regarding the application must be made in writing to The Licensing Officer, South Staffordshire District Council, Wolverhampton Road, Codsall, Staffordshire WV8 1PX by the 2nd November 2018. Persons wishing to view the application may do so by contacting the licensing unit on 01902 696250 email: licensing@ststffs.gov.uk. It is an offence liable on summary conviction of a fine up to level 5 (£5,000) on the standard scale, to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with the application. Dated: 4th October 2018

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Licensing Act 2003 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PREMISES LICENCE

An application for a new premises licence has been made by Codsall & Wergs Garden Centre Limited, to South Staffordshire District Council in respect of premises to be known as The Greenhouse Kitchen, Codsall & Wergs Garden Centre, Wergs Hall Road, Codsall Staffordshire WV8 2HJ. The application is as follows:

- To enable the retail sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises, every day of the year, Monday to Sunday 0900-0130 hours.
- Plays, Films, Indoor Sporting Events, Live music, recorded music, performance of dance and anything of a similar description ever day of the year, Monday to Sunday 0900-0200 hours.
- Late Night Refreshment every day of the year, Monday to Sunday 2300 -0130 hours
- Premises open to the public every day of the year, Monday to Sunday 0900-0200 hours.

Any representation by responsible authorities or any other person regarding the application must be made in writing to The Licensing Officer, South Staffordshire District Council, Wolverhampton Road, Codsall, Staffordshire WV8 1PX by the 29th October 2018. Persons wishing to view the application may do so by contacting the licensing unit on 01902 696250 email: licensing@ststffs.gov.uk. It is an offence liable on summary conviction of a fine up to level 5 (£5,000) on the standard scale to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with the application. Dated: 28th September 2018.

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED) ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991 PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO. 7 AND 8 ESSINGTON TEMPORARY CLOSURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Staffordshire County Council, on 09 October 2018, made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit any pedestrian, horse rider or cyclist from proceeding along that length of Public Footpath No. 7 Essington (for its full length) and Public Footpath No. 8 Essington from its junction with Public Footpath No. 9 Essington to the site boundary adjacent to Hough Way. The closure is required to allow for Bovis Homes construction works.

A plan will be displayed showing the length of public footpath to be closed and unaffected rights of way in the area.

This Order will come into operation on 15 October 2018 and will remain in force for a period of six months or until the construction works are complete, whichever is the earlier. If necessary, after six months, the Order may be extended for a further period with the approval of the Secretary of State.

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 DIVERSION OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC STATION ROAD, CODSALL

Notice is hereby given that Staffordshire County Council intend not less than seven days from the date of this notice to make an Order the effect of which is to prohibit any vehicle from proceeding along Station Road, Codsall from outside property number 39 to outside property number 49. For more information regarding access arrangements, timings and diversion routes please visit <https://roadworks.gov.uk> The Order will come into operation on 29 October 2018 and the said works will commence on or as near as practicable to that date. It is anticipated the works will be completed by 31 October 2018. The Order will remain in force for a period of 18 months or until the stop tap renewal works, which it is proposed to carry out on or near the road have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 DIVERSION OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC MILL LANE, WOMBOURNE

Notice is hereby given that Staffordshire County Council intend not less than seven days from the date of this notice to make an Order the effect of which is to prohibit any vehicle from proceeding along Mill Lane, Wombourne from its junction with High Street to its junction with Moises Hall Road. For more information regarding access arrangements, timings and diversion routes please visit <https://roadworks.gov.uk> The Order will come into operation on 29 October 2018 and the said works will commence on or as near as practicable to that date. It is anticipated the works will be completed by 16 November 2018. The Order will remain in force for a period of 18 months or until the water mains renewal works, which it is proposed to carry out on or near the road have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

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Beth Cobden in action during the match against Australia



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Netball bounces back as a popular game

WHEN the England netball team scooped gold at the Commonwealth Games beating host nation and favourites Australia earlier this year it was an historic turning point for the sport.

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Close to home we have our own netball star. Cannock-born England netballer Beth Cobden is a Commonwealth gold medallist. And now the 25-year-old wing defence has moved to Australia signing for Adelaide Thunderbirds having spent the last three seasons with Loughborough Lightning.

It's estimated that 1.4 million women and girls are playing during a typical week within the netball season – a 44 per cent increase on 2016. Last year it became the second-highest funded sport in the UK, behind cycling, after it was awarded £16.9 million by Sport England for four years with an extra £3m earmarked for the national team.

Underdog

England Netball's successful Back to Netball scheme, which provides women of all ages with a gentle re-introduction to the sport has proved a huge hit with more than 60,000 participants since it started in 2010.

And to encourage older women back into the sport, walking netball, which is an adaptation of the original game in which players cannot run or jump, has been launched in recent years.

For some people just the mere mention of the word netball will likely bring back memories of shivering on a school playground while you skulked on the wings, hoping to be substituted back onto the bench so you could gossip with your mates.

But you might want to rethink everything you thought you knew about the sport – because netball is actually the secret underdog

SPORTING FEATURE

By Heather Large

The benefit netball has over, say, hitting the treadmill for an hour a week, is that it's a team sport – which means you're much more likely to stick to your exercise plan when other people are relying on you

of fitness, with tonnes of mental and physical benefits. There are many reasons why it might be time to give your short-lived career in goal attack another shot.

Firstly it's an excellent cardio workout because of all that squatting, jumping and pivoting harder than Ross from Friends in the infamous sofa episode.

All netball positions require players to sprint around the 30-metre court to attack or defend, execute set plays, take throw-ins and generally keep the ball moving from end to end.

A good game will involve gut-whittling bursts of sprinting, core strengthening twists and turns, smarming the opponent with high-intensity decoy runs and furious chest-to-chest passing.

As well as being great for full-body toning, it's an explosive cardiovascular workout for your heart.

It's also good for hand-eye co-ordination because once you're in possession of the ball, you're glued to the ground until you can pass it on to someone else.

There are a few creative passes that each player can utilise to bamboozle the other team: a high pass shoots it over the opposing team's heads, a chest pass throws it directly while a bounce pass allows a single bounce on the ground.

Games involve plenty of throwing and catching in quick succession, so players must have slick ball skills and flawless co-ordination to get the ball to an area where their team can shoot and score.

But the unique benefit netball has over, say, hitting the treadmill for an hour a week, is that it's a team sport – which means you're much more likely to stick to your exercise plan when other people are relying on you to show up and play.

As well as the increased motivation to get moving, netball has a friendly competition element that makes an hour of game play fly by so much faster than a solo session at the gym.

Research has found that getting outdoors, even in the UK's constant drizzle, can work wonders for your mental health.

Basics

Finally, unlike basketball or rugby, netball is a non-contact sport, which means you won't get bulldozed to the ground when the ball gets thrown your way.

If you're worried about injury, netball is a great way to get fit, lose weight and be social without the fear of scrapes, bruises and broken bones.

So if that's tempted you then the best place to start is the England Netball website – englandnetball.co.uk – where you will find details on its Back to Netball scheme, which runs sessions across the country, including in the Black Country, Staffordshire and Shropshire.

These cover the basics of the game including passing, footwork and shooting.

Sessions typically finish with a friendly game to put the skills you've learnt into practice.

But if all else fails, there's nothing to stop you from renting a court and starting up your own casual seven-a-side game.

Tickets on sale as Brum hosts SPOTY

TICKETS go on sale tomorrow (Friday) for the Sports Personality of the Year, being held at the Genting Arena, Birmingham. Now in its 65th year, a host of changes have been made to the 2018 awards.

For the first time, the nominated contenders will be announced on the night of the show and with fewer names in the running.

The Greatest Sporting Moment of the Year is new, with the public choosing from a shortlist drawn up by an independent panel of the standout moments of the past 12 months. An award to honour a Young Sports Personality will be presented at the BBC Radio 1 Teen Awards on October 21.

Nominations are also open for the BBC Get Inspired Unsung Hero award to honour the most dynamic, forward thinking and driven volunteers from across the UK. See <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/get-inspired/27037119>

Tickets go on sale at 9am, priced at £45 plus admin fee. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult, minimum age 10 years. Buy online at www.theticketfactory.com or by phone on 0844 33 88 222.

Cage Warriors makes return to second city

ADAM 'The Love Doctor' Proctor will meet Angelo Rubino this month as Cage Warriors returns to Birmingham for the first time in eight years.

The October 20 bill at the Genting Arena will boast a welterweight title fight between Stefano Paternò, defending his belt against Ross Houston and a four-man featherweight title tournament featuring Dean Trueman, Lewis Monarch, Aiden Lee and Paul McBain.

With nine wins and just one defeat since his pro debut in 2014, 'The Love Doctor' is carrying a four-fight winning streak into his clash against the Italian welterweight Angelo Rubino.

The CW98 light-heavyweight main event will be between Yannick Bahati and Alan Carlos. Bahati is a local name who has finished seven opponents by either knockout or submission, has called for the city's growing MMA fan base to get behind him. Carlos comes into the fight with superior experience and travels from Sweden looking to upset the home fans, having picked up big wins across Europe for over a decade since his debut in 2007.

Top darts players on Premier League oche

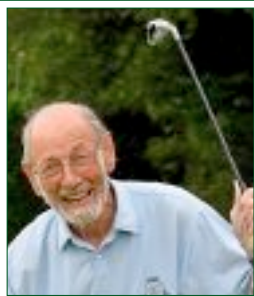
THE Unibet Premier League will return to Arena Birmingham next year as the sport's top stars continue their battle for the prestigious title.

The ten-player tournament features league nights across the UK, Ireland, Netherlands and Germany in 2019 during a four-month tour.

The success of previous visits to Arena Birmingham will see next year's tournament return to the Midlands on April 25 for the 13th night of the season.

Four matches on the night are set to see the likes of world number one Michael van Gerwen and current world champion Rob Cross doing battle on the oche. The full field of players will be confirmed in January, with the top four players on the PDC Order of Merit qualifying by right and joined by six invited players.

Tickets are on general sale via www.theticketfactory.com or by calling 0844 33 88 222. They are priced at £27.00/£46.50/£53.00 (includes admin fees and £1.20 facility fee) + £2.55 fulfilment fee per order.



Chuffed – Jim Elliott

Ace Jim is the toast of Penn

JIM ELLIOTT was the toast of Penn Golf Club after landing a hole in one.

The 81-year-old claimed his first ace on the club's par three, 136-yard 11th hole. A six iron pitched before the green and then found the cup – but Jim didn't see the magic moment!

"I used a six iron and it bounced just short of the green and then ran on," he said. "There is a bunker and a bit of ridge and if you get it on the ridge it runs down to the hole."

"I could see the pin but I couldn't actually see the ball. I expected to see it going off the back of the green. I didn't realise until I got to the green that it had gone in!"

Starter

Jim, who lives just round the corner from the course in Wakeley Hill, has been a member at Penn for 18 years.

He was a late starter on the golfing scene having taken up the sport 20 years ago, with rugby his first love.

He played for his home-town club Carlisle before his job took him to Sunningdale in Berkshire and then on to Darlaston in 1966, where he worked for Wellman Smith and Owen.

And Jim's stunning achievement was well received by his fellow golfers, with tradition ensuring the club paid for the drinks.

Flames on fire to win by 10

THE Wolverhampton City Netball league were back in action with Division 2 Whitmore X gaining a comfortable win over Crescent. Flames won 31-21 against Libra Lea Navy. Dolls 1 found their form to beat Libra Lea Teal 31-14 in div 3. The Blue Belles claimed a close win over Whitmore J in div 5 winning 33-25.

Treble champ Tai targets six of best

WOLVES legend Tai Woffinden become Great Britain's first-ever triple world champion – and revealed he now wants to win six titles. The track ace completed his hat-trick of titles on a nerve-shredding night in Torun, Poland as he pipped home star Bartosz Zmarzlik for glory.

Zmarzlik whittled down Woffy's 10-point lead and when the Brit crashed awkwardly at high-speed in his third ride, it looked like he would blow it. But Woffinden, who was in the Wolves Elite League title-winning teams of 2009 and 2016, raced on with a broken bone in his foot to claim the world championship and then win the Grand Prix.

Woffinden, who also took gold in 2013 and 2015,

was elated to make history and surpass fellow countrymen Freddie Williams and Peter Craven's brace of world titles.

But now he's ready to race for even more history as he bids to become only the third rider to retain the sport's biggest prize in the SGP era since 1995. Woffy admitted: "After I won my 2013 championship, we were sat in a room with Nicki (Pedersen), Crumpy (Jason Crump), Greg (Hancock) and (Chris) Holder. I mentioned that I wanted to break the six-time world champion record.

"They all kind of had a little laugh between them. But I've done it three times in six years and I will do it six times."



Tai toasts his third world championship alongside Bartosz Zmarzlik and ex-Wolves star Freddie

Boxing champ Kyle won't be spooked out

ENGLISH champion Kyle Williams will be setting his sights on more major titles after he's returned to a familiar ring for boxing action.

He's been pencilled in for a keep-busy contest under the lights of Walsall Town Hall on Saturday, October 27 on BCB Promotions show, a Halloween spooktacular, titled 'Things That Go Bump in the Night.'

The 26-year-old has seen nothing to frighten him in the bantamweight division, where he's marched to Midlands and national honours during the early part of this year alone.

His 2017 culminated with a second TKO in seven flawless outings as a pro-pugilist against overwhelmed Hungarian Szilveszter Kanalas, who folded in two, at the Leicester Arena.

He downed Jordan Turner for the second time in March 2018, this time inside-the-distance, to land the area crown. Turner retired at the end of the seventh, at Birmingham's Genting Arena.

Split

He found Thomas Essomba a tougher nut to crack for the English belt, which was again vacant, when the two clashed at Willenhall's Wilsons Banqueting Suite on June 9.

Williams, making the short trip from his home in Whitmore Reans, Wolverhampton, engaged in a 10-round blood and guts affair that he prevailed from with a points split decision.

The Town Hall bill is his first outing since and it's where he made his debut in 2016, outpointing Anwar Alfadli. He also defeated Craig Derbyshire and Sergey Tasimov there.

The British title at his weight will have been contested by the time he laces on the gloves, with Ukashir Farooq and Jamie Wilson set to do battle on September 27.

The same goes for the Commonwealth strap, with Lee McAllister challenging after just four pro bouts on October 13. His opponent? Essomba.

Williams might have to defend his English status to keep it, too. Marc Leach wiped out Louis



Kyle Williams in the bantamweight division marched to Midlands and national honours

Norman in the second round of an eliminator to become the No 1 contender.

"I just need to get back in the ring," admitted Williams. "I've had some time off and allowed the two cuts I got against Essomba to heal. I'm good to go again now. When I look back at what I've achieved in boxing, already, it almost seems unreal but I'm the sort of person who wants to go out and do more. If I

have to defend against Leach, I will but I'm desperate to get a shot at the British title. I've been telling everyone for a year plus that I'm ready.

"We were looking at the Commonwealth and Essomba gets the shot at McGregor. That doesn't make much sense to me, but that's what been decided. I believe Farooq will win the British and I'll be going after him if that happens.

Rock-steady Rui is just loving life in the Prem

THERE have been a few stars in Wolves' impressive start to Premier League life.

And goalkeeper Rui Patrício – he of three clean sheets in four matches, plus a number of world class saves to boot – is certainly one of them.

The 30-year-old had big gloves to fill when taking John Ruddy's spot as the club's number one keeper.

But so far he's justifying that decision – and clearly loving life in English football's top flight.

"What we've done up until now, for me without a doubt it's the best football in the world and without a doubt, it's an amazing experience for any player," Patrício said.

Easier

"We're also in a team with a few Portuguese players which makes settling in easier. Our coach is Portuguese, so what's happening now are the fruits of his labour. The structure that he's created around us is very important.

"For me and Joao (Moutinho), for both of us it's a great experience not just evolving the football side but the psychological side working that.

"Nuno has people in his team who specialise in that (man-management), but he used to be a player, so he knows when he needs to speak to a player.

"He knows how to manage and our team feels good. As players, we feel good. He knows when he needs to support us, or tell us off."

Success for athletes – home and away

THE weekend was the culmination of six months planning for two intrepid athletes from Wolverhampton and Bilston AC as they crossed the pond to take part in the Chicago marathon.

Despite the Windy City transforming into the rainy city both ran well with Dave Norman home in 3.12.12 in 2,558th and Mark Homer (3.14.36) in 2,885th place out of nearly 45,000 finishers.

Closer to home Steve Forsyth won the Bangor 10k in 35.41. And over the marathon distance in Chester David Joynson finished in 3.09.47

At the Sheepwalks Shocker 10k at Kinver there was a double with Jack Pickett winning in 36.09 and Harry Dyal runner up in 36.59.



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Helder hails the medical teamwork

HELDER COSTA has hailed Wolves' medical team as being as important as Nuno Espirito Santo, with the squad currently injury-free.

Following Ivan Cavaleiro's return to fitness from a back problem, Nuno has a fully-fit squad to choose from.

That continues a trend from last season when Wolves rarely suffered injury problems, with the backroom team placing a big emphasis on injury prevention.

And Costa said: "In my opinion, they're as important as the head coach because the work we do in the gym and in the medical centre has helped the players to improve every day."

"You can notice that in the stats, I think it's very important work. Whether that be in the canteen or the medical centre, it's really important for the club to work well."

Regular

"Every player is given a (fitness) plan. I worked on that during summer. "I did a lot of work on the mental side. Julio (Figueroa, first-team coach) helped me a lot in that sense."

"I was waiting for a few games (when injured last season) and I kept working my best. I was a bit frustrated but with my work I did with Julio, it helped a lot."

Costa has been a first-team regular this season, starting all seven games in the Premier League.

He's yet to get on the scoresheet, but he said: "Goals will come with time, but it not my priority at this moment. I'm more focused on helping the team."

Bragging rights at stake as speedway rival teams clash

BIRMINGHAM will renew Midlands rivalries as part of their season finale at Perry Barr next week.

The Edwards Plumbing Brummies will take on Wolves and Heathens select sides in a special three-team, four-man tournament on Wednesday, 7.30pm.

Brummies team boss Laurence Rogers said: "The West Midlands has got a great history and tradition in this sport and the rivalries in this part of the country are as fierce as anywhere else."

"Bragging rights between these three sets of supporters has always been present at many different levels of British Speedway and it will be great to get all three clubs represented on one track on one night."

"Obviously Wolves' league campaign was brought to an early end as they missed out on the play-offs and the Heathens only competed in the National Trophy this season."

"So their supporters, as well as our Perry Barr regulars, will be itching for one final dose of speedway before the winter comes along. We're currently working on the line-ups."

Going global! Two more are called up

HELDER COSTA and Jonny Castro Otto expanded Wolves' international contingent after earning their debut call-ups.

Costa and Otto were named in the Portugal and Spain squads respectively for their upcoming international fixtures.

And on a day of firsts, Ruben Vinagre was named in the Portugal Under-21 squad for the first time. However, there was no senior call-up for Conor Coady.

Costa has featured for Portugal at youth level, but this was his first senior inclusion. The 24-year-old, who joined Wolves back in August

Football

2016, initially on loan, could become the fifth full Portuguese international in Wolves' squad.

Ruben Neves and Rui Patricio join Costa in the squad to face Poland in the Nations League and Scotland in a friendly at Hampden Park.

Joao Moutinho was again left out by boss Fernando Santos, who is turning his attention to youth before the Euro 2020 qualifiers next year, and has also rested Cristiano Ronaldo.

Atletico Madrid loanee Jonny has been in fine form since moving to Wolves for the season in August. He has started all seven Premier League games. The 24-year-old could face England in the Nations League during the international break, while Spain also have a friendly against Wales.

Otto got the nod over Barcelona's Jordi Alba. Indeed, Wolves have as many players in the Spain squad as Barcelona do.

Spain boss Luis Enrique first played the right-footed Otto at left-back when he coached him at Celta Vigo in 2013-14. Matt Doherty and Raul Jimenez have been called up to the Ireland and Mexico squads respectively.

JUST WHAT THE DOC ORDERED

MATCH-WINNER Matt Doherty believes he is in the best form of his career.

The 26-year-old scored his first Premier League goal on Saturday to earn Wolves a 1-0 win over Crystal Palace.

His goal rounded off a stellar start to the season where he has made two assists and been nominated for the PFA Player of the Month award.

Doherty said: "I would say I am in the best form of my life because of the standard we are playing at now."

"I mean I had some good times when I was playing in the Championship but we are in the Premier League now so to continue that form, the way I am now, yes it has filled me with a lot of confidence and I would say I am probably in the best form of my life."

"It feels pretty good to score my first Premier League goal because it is the best league in the world."

Consistency

"To get the goal and obviously we won 1-0 so we keep the clean sheet, it was a pretty good day against Crystal Palace."

Wolves set a Premier League record on Saturday, after Nuno Espirito Santo named an unchanged starting XI for an eighth consecutive opening game.

Doherty was among the starting line-up and he believes that consistency reflects the team's fine form.

"It just goes to show we are all playing pretty well," said Doherty.

"I mean if people weren't pulling their weight then he (Nuno) would probably make changes."

"It is a hard team to get into at the moment. It probably just goes to show our fitness levels that no-one has had any little injuries and everyone is in great condition."

"It is tough for the lads (on the sidelines) but when they come on they make a difference like



Doherty delight after scoring the winning goal against Crystal Palace

they did last week against Southampton when Adama (Traore) and Cav (Ivan Cavaleiro) came on, so the team spirit is great."

Doherty will now link up with the Ireland camp during the international break where they play Denmark and Wales in the Nations League.

Last month Ireland boss Martin O'Neill criticised Doherty for not going forward enough from

wing-back, but the Wolves man doesn't see that as a problem.

"If anything the problem has been going forward too much," he said.

"I don't think it has every been a problem to be honest."

"And (against Crystal Palace) I guess we got a good end product from it (going forward)."

Coady: We can feel city behind us

CONOR COADY says Wolves are planning to stay among the Premier League elite as they look to cement their place in the top half of the table.

An unbeaten run has seen Wolves climb to seventh. Coady said: "That's what we plan on doing (sustaining it). We work on it every day to sustain it and we sustained it last season in a tough division."

"Hopefully we can enjoy it for as long as it lasts. We will see."

"It's pleasing for the club that we're doing OK and everyone is behind it. Everyone knows what the city is like for getting behind us when we're doing well and the way everyone is coming together at the minute is brilliant for everyone."

Enjoying

"We've got to step up this season and try to do it again. We're enjoying what we're doing at the minute, we're enjoying how we play, and we enjoy listening to the manager and as long as we keep on doing, we should be OK."

Coady's boss Nuno Espirito Santo has earned numerous plaudits for Wolves' impressive start to the campaign.

And the Wolves fans clearly adore the Portuguese head coach, who they have now dubbed the 'real' special one.

"He's brilliant," Coady said. "The way he sets us up and the way he speaks to you, you understand everything he says, so you don't really have to ask him questions because when he speaks to you, you understand everything."

Tapes up – it's party time for the fans

WOLVERHAMPTON are throwing a party at their end-of-season meeting on Monday – and it's all for a great cause.

The club are staging the NGK Spark Plugs Olympique individual meeting, including the unique handicap system with riders starting behind the grid after scoring points in the previous race.

And club bosses have also confirmed there will be a rider farewell party after the firework display with admission by making a £2 donation to Cancer Research and collecting a wristband.

The club are also the pre-AGM talk-in at the Cleveland Arms Sports Pub in Wolverhampton on October 22.

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